

Regional Council

NOTICE IS GIVEN

that the next meeting of the **Regional Council** will be held in **Mauao Rooms, Bay of Plenty Regional Council Building, 87 First Avenue, Tauranga** on:

Thursday, 29 August 2019 commencing at 9.30 am.

Fiona McTavish
Chief Executive
21 August 2019



Regional Council

Terms of Reference

Purpose

- Enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, Bay of Plenty communities.
- Meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses.
- Set the overarching strategic direction for Bay of Plenty Regional Council as an organisation.
- Hold ultimate responsibility for allocating financial resources across the Council.

Membership

All councillors are members of the Regional Council.

Quorum

In accordance with Council standing order 10.1(a), the quorum at a meeting of the Regional Council is seven members, consisting of half the number of members.

Meeting frequency

Six-weekly.

Role of Council

- Address Local Electoral Act matters and Local Government Rating Act matters.
- Oversee all matters relating to identifying and contributing to community outcomes.
- Consider and agree on matters relating to significant new activities or areas of involvement such as infrastructure which are not the responsibility of a specific committee.
- Provide regional leadership on key issues that require a collaborative approach between a number of parties.
- Develop, adopt and review Council's Policy on Significance and decision-making policy and processes.
- Develop, adopt and implement the Triennial Agreement and the Code of Conduct.
- Consider and agree on matters relating to elected members' remuneration matters.
- Appoint the Chief Executive Officer, and review their contract, performance and remuneration at least annually.
- Approve all delegations to the Chief Executive, including the authority for further delegation to staff.
- Establish committees, subcommittees, and working parties and appoint members.
- Receive and consider recommendations and matters referred to it by its committees, joint committees, subcommittees and working parties.

- Approve membership to external bodies and organisations, including Council Controlled Organisations.
- Develop, adopt and review policies for, and monitor the performance of, Council Controlled Organisations.
- Review and approve strategic matters relating to the sale, acquisition and development of property for the purposes of meeting Council's organisational requirements and implement approved Regional Council policy.
- Address strategic corporate matters including property and accommodation.
- Institute any proceedings in the High Court that are not injunctive proceedings.
- Exercise the powers and duties conferred or imposed on Council by the Public Works Act 1981.
- Consider and agree on the process to develop the Long Term Plan, Annual Plan and Annual Report.
- Adopt Council policies as required by statute (for example Regional Policy Statement and Regional Land Transport Strategy) to be decided by Council or outside of Committee delegations (for example infrastructure policy).
- Delegate to commissioners to exercise the powers, functions and duties of the Council as a consent authority under the Resource Management Act 1991 including to hear and decide a consent application.
- Monitor Council's financial and non-financial performance in-year.
- Develop, review and approve Council's Financial Strategy and funding and financial policies and frameworks.

Delegations from Council to Committees

- Full Council has a role to monitor the functioning of all committees.
- Full Council will consider matters not within the delegation of any one Council committee.
- Full Council may at any time, revoke or modify a delegation to a Council committee, either permanently, for a specified time or to address a specific matter, if it considers there is good reason to do so.
- The delegations provided to committees may be further delegated to subcommittees unless the power of further delegation is restricted by Council or by statute.

It is accepted in making these delegations that:

- The committees, in performing their delegated functions, powers or duties, may, without confirmation by the Council, exercise or perform them in a like manner and with the same effect as the Council itself could have exercised or performed them.
- The delegated powers given shall at all times be subject to their current policies and principles or directions, as given by the Council from time to time.
- The chairperson of each committee shall have the authority to exercise their discretion, as to whether or not the delegated authority of the committee be used where, in the opinion of the chairperson, circumstances warrant it.

Powers that cannot be delegated

Under Clause 32 Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, Full Council must make the following decisions:

- Make a rate.
- Make a bylaw.
- Borrow money or purchase or dispose of assets, other than in accordance with the long-term plan.
- Adopt the long-term plan, annual plan, or annual report.
- Appoint a chief executive.
- Adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under the Local Government Act 2002 in association with the long-term plan or developed for the purpose of the local governance statement.
- Adopt a remuneration and employment policy.

Public Forum

1. A period of up to 15 minutes may be set aside near the beginning of the meeting to enable members of the public to make statements about any matter on the agenda of that meeting which is open to the public, but excluding any matter on which comment could prejudice any specified statutory process the council is required to follow.
2. The time allowed for each speaker will normally be up to 5 minutes but will be up to the discretion of the chair. A maximum of 3 public participants will be allowed per meeting.
3. No statements by public participants to the Council shall be allowed unless a written, electronic or oral application has been received by the Chief Executive (Governance Team) by 12.00 noon of the working day prior to the meeting and the Chair's approval has subsequently been obtained. The application shall include the following:
 - name of participant;
 - organisation represented (if any);
 - meeting at which they wish to participate; and matter on the agenda to be addressed.
4. Members of the meeting may put questions to any public participants, relevant to the matter being raised through the chair. Any questions must be asked and answered within the time period given to a public participant. The chair shall determine the number of questions.

Membership

Chairman:	D Leeder
Deputy Chairman:	J Nees
Councillors:	N Bruning, W Clark, J Cronin, S Crosby, D Love, T Marr, M McDonald, A Tahana, P Thompson, L Thurston, A von Dadelszen, K Winters
Committee Advisor:	T Nerdrum-Smith

Recommendations in reports are not to be construed as Council policy until adopted by Council.

Agenda

E te Atua nui tonu, ko mātau ēnei e inoi atu nei ki a koe, kia tau mai te māramatanga ki a mātau whakarite mō tēnei rā, arahina hoki mātau, e eke ai te ōranga tonu ki ngā āhuetanga katoa a ngā tangata ki tō mātau rohe whānui tonu. Āmine.

“Almighty God we ask that you give us wisdom in the decisions we make here today and give us guidance in working with our regional communities to promote their social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. Amen”.

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Resolution to exclude the public

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General Subject of Matter to be Considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to this matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) LGOIMA 1987 for passing this resolution
12.1 Public Excluded	Refer to the relevant section	Good reason for withholding

Regional Council Minutes - 01 August 2019	of the open minutes	exists under Section 48(1)(a)
12.2 Public Excluded Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee Minutes - 04 June 2019	Refer to the relevant section of the open minutes	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)
12.3 Public Excluded Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group Minutes - 14 June 2019	Refer to the relevant section of the open minutes	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)
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12.5 Ohau Wall Remedial Work 2019/20	To carry out commercial activities	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)
12.6 TechnologyOne Enterprise Software as a Service	To carry out commercial activities	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)
12.7 Subvention Payment	To carry out commercial activities	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)
12.8 Quayside Holdings Limited - Director Appointment	To protect the commercial position of an individual	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)
12.9 Employment Update	To protect the privacy of natural persons	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)
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Will be circulated separately

12.10 Chief Executive's Performance Review

Will be circulated separately

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Previous Minutes

Minutes of the Regional Council Meeting held in Mauao Rooms, Bay of Plenty Regional Council Building, 87 First Avenue, Tauranga on Thursday, 1 August 2019 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: D Leeder

Deputy Chairman: J Nees

Councillors: J Cronin, T Marr, L Thurston, P Thompson, D Love, N Bruning, A Tahana, W Clark, S Crosby, K Winters, A von Dadelszen, M McDonald

In Attendance: Fiona McTavish – Chief Executive, Mat Taylor – General Manager Corporate, Namouta Poutasi – General Manager Strategy & Science, Sarah Omundsen – General Manager Regulatory Services, Chris Ingle – General Manager Integrated Catchments; Laverne Mason – Integrated Catchments Programme Manager, Shane Grayling – Biosecurity Manager, Yvonne Tatton – Governance Manager, Kirsty Brown – Rivers and Drainage Assets Manager, Tone Nerdrum-Smith – Committee Advisor

Apologies: A Tahana (late arrival)

1 Karakia

A Karakia was provided by Cr Marr.

2 Apologies

Resolved

That the Regional Council:

- 1 Accepts the apology for lateness from Cr Tahana tendered at the meeting.**

**Winters/Leeder
CARRIED**

3 Public Forum

Nil

4 Acceptance of Late Items

Nil

5 **General Business**

Nil

6 **Confidential Business to be Transferred into the Open**

Nil

7 **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

Nil

8 **Previous Minutes**

8.1 **Regional Council Minutes - 27 June 2019**

Matters Arising

- Noted that climate change would be included as a consideration in all reports in the 2019-22 triennium.

Resolved

That the Regional Council:

- 1 **Confirms the Regional Council Minutes - 27 June 2019**

**Leeder/Thurston
CARRIED**

9 **Reports**

9.1 **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Leeder provided an outline of the report.

Key Points

- The Regional Transport Committee was exploring ways to create a higher profile in the interaction with Central Government and furthering of regional issues
- LGNZ remit on weed control pertained to alternative options to the use of Glyphosate (Roundup)
- Robust debate had been had with regards to elevating the status of CoBoP (Collaboration Bay of Plenty) to provide a higher level of engagement and embedded with the triennial meetings.

Resolved

That the Regional Council:

- 1 **Receives the report, Chairman's Report.**

**Leeder/Crosby
CARRIED**

9.2 Chief Executive's Report

Fiona McTavish – Chief Executive presented this item.

Key Points

- Drew attention to key aspects of the report, in particular:
 - Climate change and the national interest in what Regional Council was doing in this space
 - Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) was interested in being involved with the UFTI programme
 - Work in the positioning of Regional Council in the freshwater space, and in particular with regards to policy changes anticipated from Central Government, was ongoing
 - Today's Floodway and Drainage Bylaw report should be seen in context of the anticipated freshwater policy changes.

In Response to Questions

- CEOs of the Bay of Plenty Region had discussed infrastructure funding options, in particular with regards to the three waters, and DIA had expressed significant interest in these discussions
- 12 residents (of the 24 affected) had been involved in the public acquisition process for the Awatarariki Fanhead
- Whakatāne District Council had extended the deadlines for those affected in the Awataeariki Fanhead to consider the acquisition proposals
- Ōpōtiki District Council was continuing the work towards achieving approval of the Ōpōtiki Harbour project
- Business case for the Ōpōtiki Harbour project would be presented to the Ōpōtiki Council's Audit & Risk Committee on 9 September 2019
- The Mussel Processing Plant presentation to the Governance Group was based on the harbour project not being completed for another five years
- Council would make submissions on the Central Government proposals with regards to its road safety strategy and emission reduction.

Items for Staff Follow-up

- Reports on climate change to be included in the Council meetings on 29 August and 26 September 2019
- Rangitaiki River Forum Chairperson be requested to invite Southern Generation Directors to attend meetings
- Provide a report on funding and financing for future opportunities based on DIA conversations around the three waters
- Provide update on the Ōpōtiki District Council Harbour Project
- Public excluded report on the Awatarariki Fanhead to be presented to the 29 August Council meeting
- Invitations and notifications of conferences/events to be notified via Governance to ensure Elected Members are kept informed
- Provide an update on the progress of the Bay of Connections leadership group.

Resolved

That the Regional Council:

- 1 Receives the report, Chief Executive's Report.**

**Winters/Love
CARRIED**

9.3 **Floodway and Drainage Bylaw 2008 Review**

Kirsty Brown – Rivers and Drainage Assets Manager, Laverne Mason – Integrated Catchments Programme Manager and Mark Townsend – Engineering Manager presented this item.

In Response to Questions

- The Bylaw was in place to protect Council's river and floodway assets
- The gravel extraction 'trespass notices' issued by Eastern Bay Iwi were not of a legal nature
- Any damage to stop banks caused by over-grazing was covered by the Bylaw.

Key Points – Members

- Having Elected Members on the Bylaw Hearings Panel, rather than using independent commissioners only, would provide value and should be considered as an option.

Resolved

That the Regional Council:

- 1 Receives the report, Floodway and Drainage Bylaw 2008 Review;**
- 2 Notes that Council will be requested to agree to a formal Statement of Proposal and Hearings Panel arrangements in early 2020.**

**Bruning/Winters
CARRIED**

9.4 **Inter-Regional Marine Pest Pathway Plan - Consultation Results and Next Steps**

PowerPoint Presentation – Objective Ref A3318164

Shane Grayling – Biosecurity Manager and Laverne Mason – Integrated Catchments Programme Manager presented this item.

Key Points of Presentation

- Better ways to stop marine pests
- Background
- Consultation Process
- Proposed Option 1 – Status quo
- Options 1: Results
- Rules
- Option 2: Results
- Next Steps.

In Response to Questions

- Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) managed the movement of ships in international waters and the risk for contamination was considered to be relatively low
- Regional Council was in continued communication with MPI regarding the development of a national pest-pathway plan
- The Biosecurity Act provided the framework for developing plans and rules for the management of risks and pests
- Worked closely with Vessel Works in Tauranga and had a strong understanding of the condition of the vessels that entered the harbour
- Staff would consider the various options and present their findings to Council for consideration.

Resolved

That the Regional Council:

- 1 Receives the report, Inter-regional Marine Pest Pathway Plan - consultation results and next steps;**
- 2 Authorise staff, in collaboration with the Top of the North Biosecurity Group partners, to progress with the options analysis to identify a preferred option (and supporting evidence) for marine pest management.**
- 3 Notes the preferred option for the management of marine pests across the four partner regions and supporting evidence will be presented to Council for consideration in early 2020.**

**Winter/Love
CARRIED**

9.5 **Bay of Plenty Local Authority Shared Services (BOPLASS) Limited's Statement of Intent 2019/2020**

Mat Taylor – General Manager Corporate presented this item.

In Response to Questions

- There were no substantial changes from the previous year's Statement of Intent
- Statement of Intent was focussed on joint procurement, rather than 'services' and it was successful in this space
- There was a lack of appetite by the partner TAs to expand the scope of BOPLASS beyond its current procurement focus.

Key Points – Members

- Concerned that the limited scope of BOPLASS represented lost opportunities within the shared services space.

10.27 am – Cr Tahana **entered** the meeting.

Resolved

That the Regional Council:

- 1 **Receives the report, Bay of Plenty Local Authority Shared Services (BOPLASS) Limited's Statement of Intent (SOI) 2019/2020;**
- 2 **Notes the Statement of Intent objectives and targets.**

Love/Leeder
CARRIED

Cr Thompson **opposed** the motion.

9.6 **Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) Limited - Statement of Intent 2019/20**

Mat Taylor – General Manager Corporate presented this item.

Resolved

That the Regional Council:

- 1 **Receives the report, Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) Limited - Statement of Intent 2019-20;**
- 2 **Notes the Statement of Intent 2019/20.**

Thompson/Winters
CARRIED

9.7 **Draft Elected and Appointed Members Allowances and Expenses Policy 2019-2022**

Yvonne Tatton – Governance Manager and Mat Taylor – General Manager Corporate presented this item.

Key Points

- Provided an outline of the proposed childcare allowance, which was recently approved by the Remuneration Authority and there was accordingly no precedence to rely on
- The intention of the child care allowance was to encourage and support young parents who wanted to participate in Local Government.

Key Points – Members

- Worked through each issue and option as per the agenda report and agreed on amendments to the policy.

Resolved

That the Regional Council:

- 1 **Receives the report, Draft Elected and Appointed Members Allowances and Expenses Policy 2019-2022;**

2 Adopts the revised Elected and Appointed Members Allowances and Expenses Policy 2019 – 2022 with the following amendments:

Issue	Decision
1. Childcare Allowance	Include a childcare contribution allowance in the policy, payable at the living wage hourly rate to the maximum prescribed in the current Remuneration Authority's Determination. Claims are to be submitted within 90 days of the costs being incurred.
2. Accompanying spouses to LGNZ Conference and pre conference RSG Tour	Policy to include travel and meal costs of the partner accompanying the Chairperson to the annual LGNZ Conference and pre conference Regional Sector Group Tour. Conference partner tours are excluded from this policy.
3. Mileage and travel time claims for non-committee members	Policy to include Councillors are eligible to claim mileage and travel time to attend meetings regardless whether they are a committee member or not.
4. Meeting fees and reimbursements for Appointed Members to co-governance forums	The definition for which an appointed member can claim a meeting fee, vehicle mileage and travel time to include meetings and workshops and any additional business of the co-governance forum as agreed by the forum Chairperson .
5. Meeting fees for resource consent, regional plan or policy statement hearings	Noted that Council had obtained permission from the Remuneration Authority to remunerate the Appeals Subcommittee members from the date of the Remuneration Authority's approval email and this had been included in the policy.

Leeder/Thurston
CARRIED

9.8 Public Excluded Section

Resolved

That the Regional Council:

Excludes the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

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10.1 Public Excluded Regional Council Minutes - 27 June 2019	Please refer to the relevant section of the open minutes	Good reason for withholding exists under Section

		48(1)(a)
10.2 Code of Conduct	To protect the privacy of natural persons	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)

**Leeder/Bruning
CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 12:29 pm

Confirmed DATE

Doug Leeder
Chairman Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Minutes - Statutory Committees

Minutes of the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group meeting held at the Cruise Deck, Club Mount Maunganui, 45 Kawaka Street, Mount Maunganui, on Friday, 17 May 2019 commencing at 9.30am

Present:

Chairperson: Cr Norm Bruning - Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Members: Pia Bennett - Ngāi Te Rangi
Te Pio Kawe - Ngāti Ranginui
Cr Mark Dean - Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Cr Peter Mackay - Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Cr Kelvin Clout - Tauranga City Council
Cr Catherine Stewart - Tauranga City Council
Cr Matemoana McDonald - Bay of Plenty Regional Council
Cr Paula Thompson - Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Observer: Jeff Milham - Department of Conservation

In Attendance: **Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC):**
Sarah Omundsen - General Manager Regulatory Services; Pim De Monchy - Coastal Catchments Manager, James Low - Team Leader Policy (Freshwater); Toby Barach - Principal Advisor, Coastal Catchments; Clarke Koopu - Senior Advisor (Treaty); Reuben Gardiner - Senior Planner (Water Policy) and Merinda Pansegrouw - Committee Advisor

Tauranga City Council (TCC):
Radclyffe Cairns - Consents Officer, Growth & Infrastructure; Cheryl Steiner - Strategic Planner; Clinton Bowyer - City Project Analyst

Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC):
Chris Nepia - Māori Relationships & Engagement Advisor; Jodie Rickard - Senior Policy Analyst

Apologies: Charlie Tawhiao - Ngāi Te Rangi, Riki Nelson - Ngāti Ranginui and Cr Paula Thompson - Bay of Plenty Regional Council for lateness

1 Opening Karakia

Te Pio Kawe opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 Apologies

Resolved

That the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group:

- 1 Accepts the apologies tendered by Deputy Chairperson Charlie Tawhiao, Riki Nelson and Cr Paula Thompson for lateness.

Bruning/McDonald
CARRIED

3 **Declarations of Conflicts of Interest**

Nil

4 **Previous Minutes**

4.1 **Tauranga Moana Advisory Group Minutes – 15 February 2019**

Resolved

That the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group:

- 1 Confirms the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group Meeting Minutes of 15 February 2019, as a true and correct record.

Clout/Stewart
CARRIED

5 **Update from Partners**

5.1 **Ngāi Te Rangi**

Refer item 5.2.

5.2 **Ngāti Ranginui**

Te Pio Kawe provided the following verbal update:

Key Points

- Attended the Waitangi Tribunal Inquiry Hearing in Wellington during the week of 8 to 12 May 2019
- Similar to the Environmental Court, evidence was given by the six iwi who had grievances against the Crown's handling of the Pare Hauraki Treaty settlement
- The outcome of the inquiry was expected by August/September 2019
- Maintained mana whenua over Tauranga Harbour and hoped for recognition of tikanga Māori as a culturally appropriate way to find a solution
- From an iwi/hapū perspective, supported the continuation/momentum of the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group's activities to progress the engagement and contribution of iwi/hapū to the Tauranga Moana Programme and to facilitate an effective decision-making process.

5.3 **Ngāti Pukenga**

Nil

5.4 **Western Bay of Plenty District Council**

Western Bay of Plenty District Council Councillors Peter Mackay and Mark Dean provided a verbal update highlighting the following:

Key Points

- Overview of the history relevant to Te Rereatukahia Marae Wastewater Connection

- Although a sewer system was in place within 50m of the marae, there was currently no connection to the marae
- All parties were keen to make the connection; however, the current challenge remained the cost of the connection
- Confirmed that current discharges from Te Rereatukahia Marae were not causing any adverse effects
- Ongare Point Wastewater Scheme had been completed
- Tahataharoa Land Purchase and Restoration Project was on track
- Cycleway link between Omokoroa and Tauranga was progressing well.

Point Raised by Members

- Tahataharoa wetland was a culturally-sensitive/waahi tapu area – evident by the fact that matters had previously been addressed in the Environment Court; advised that a cautionary approach be followed by relevant staff during the engagement process with Pirirakau hapū.

In Response to Questions

- A report on the outcome of an investigation into the status of wastewater treatment services at marae around Tauranga Moana was considered by the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee of Bay of Plenty Regional Council. The report was currently confidential as it involved complex and highly sensitive issues, particularly with respect to Māori obligations to kaitiakitanga in freshwater. As a next step, staff intended to engage with trustees from relevant marae in Tauranga Moana to discuss ways in which Regional Council could facilitate discussions on these matters.

Item for Staff Follow-up

- A copy/version of the report on the outcome of the investigation into the status of wastewater treatment services at marae around Tauranga Moana to be provided to the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group once the confidential report had been released from public excluded status.

5.5 Tauranga City Council

Cr Catherine Stewart highlighted TCC key work streams as follows:

Key Points

- Construction of the new sludge thickening and dewatering plant at Te Maunga Waste Water Treatment Plant was complete and commissioning was continuing. All thickened sludge was now transported to Hampton Downs
- As part of the City Water's drive to reduce wastewater blockages in the network, the wet wipe campaign "Save our pipes from wipes" was progressing well and continued to raise awareness with local communities. Data on the decrease in blockages due to wet wipes since the campaign started would be provided at a future meeting
- As part of the Industrial Stormwater Audit Programme over a 100 industrial sites in the Waimapu Estuary catchment had recently been audited by TCC and BOPRC; a detail report would be provided in due course
- Work was currently underway in the Mount Industrial catchment area to improve stormwater flow
- Good progress had been made with reinstating the coastal edge as part of the Kulim Park Redevelopment Project.

In Response to Questions

- TCC's Parks Department was currently investigating the installation of soft engineering options/ecological features at Kulim Park as part of the coastal

restoration of the Redevelopment Project, developing the park in a sustainable manner.

5.6 Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Cr Norm Bruning outlined BOPRC priorities:

Key Points

- Kaimai Mamaku Catchment Forum had been successful in getting the Kaimai Project through to Stage 2 of the Predator Free 2050 funding round. \$4.6 million had been applied for
- Funding from the Provincial Growth Fund had been provided to Predator Free 2050, with the expectation that successful projects would specifically build iwi and hapū capacity and capability
- Kaitiaki in Tauranga Moana were recently engaged to undertake a cultural flow checklist on ten streams of significance
 - The work was undertaken following the extremely low flows experienced before Christmas; a report had been prepared on the results of the work
 - Staff were working with Ngāi te Rangi on securing Ministry for the Environment funding for cultural flows
- Port of Tauranga Stormwater Discharge Consent Application had been heard at a limited hearing last week
 - TCC was the only submitter present at the hearing, with tangata whenua having withdrawn their submission
 - All parties were in support of consent being granted, subject to addressing some technical and legal matters through the consent conditions
 - Commissioner Greg Hill adjourned the hearing and instructed BOPRC, the Port and TCC to each provide comments on a final set of conditions that would be considered when making a final decision on the application.

6 Conservation Update

6.1 Department of Conservation

Department of Conservation District Manager Jeff Milham provided a verbal update, outlining the following:

Key Points

- Kaimai Mamaku Kauri Protection
 - Recently appointed a project co-ordinator role to drive the kaupapa
 - National (Kauri dieback) Pest Management Plan proposal: to be live in September, pending ministerial sign-off
 - Upgrading of tracks progressing well
 - Physical closure of six walking tracks in the northern Kaimai Mamaku Conservation Park to protect kauri was ongoing and a necessary measure to keep the disease from spreading
 - Track Ambassadors Pilot Programme Initiative for the Kaimai Ranges launched today

10.05 am – Cr Thompson **entered** the meeting.

- Kaimai Mamaku Catchments Forum
 - Good progress had been made - supported by DOC and councils
 - As part of the funding process, Jeff Milham and Department of Conservation Director Operations, Central North Island Region, Damian Coutts would meet with BOPRC Chief Executive Fiona McTavish

- Bay of Plenty Conservation Management Strategy
 - Over the last year, the draft strategy had been reviewed; timeframes would be extended to review conversations/consultations.

7 Reports

7.1 Strategic Context: Freshwater Futures update

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Team Leader Policy (Freshwater) James Low presented the report and responded to questions:

Key Points

- Government's Essential Freshwater and Three Waters Policy Programmes were likely to be released in July/August 2019 as proposed discussion documents
- Pre-mediation meetings had been held with all appellants of Proposed Plan Change 9 – Region-wide Water Quantity. An appeals sub-committee has been formed and has had its first meeting. Multi-party mediation meetings were underway
- The Plan Change 10 hearing was currently adjourned and an interim decision on Stage 1 would be made by the Environment Court in due course. No date for the stage 2 Hearing had been set
- Baseline work was largely complete for the Tauranga (Plan Change 16). Initial discussions with Waikato University have highlighted the possibility of using their harbour model to support the freshwater policy work. Further consideration was required before any decision could be made.

In Response to Questions:

- In response to a question relating to the membership/representation on the Regional Water Advisory Panel, the following was provided

Members of the Regional Water Advisory Panel		
Sector/Interest	Organisation	Member
Māori		Roku Mihinui –CEO of Te Arawa Lakes Trust
		Karamea Insley
Environmental	Forest and Bird	Rebecca Stirnemann – Central North Island Regional Manager
	Fish and Game	Eben Herbert - Resource Management / Habitats Officer
	Department of Conservation	Michel Dedual - Science Advisor
		Linda Conning – Consultant
Economic Development	Bay of Connections	Anthony Olsen – Māori Business
		Tanira Kingi – He Mauri Ohooho (alternate)
Energy	Trustpower	Nicola Foran – Lead Environmental Advisor
Forestry	PF Olsen	Kit Richards – Environment Manager
	OJIFS	Philip Millichamp – National Environmental Manager
Agricultural	Dairy NZ	Justine Young – Senior Policy Advisor
	Horticulture NZ	Chris Keenan – Natural Resources and Environment Advisor
	Beef and Lamb	Corina Jordan – General Manager, Market Access
	Federated Farmers	Rick Powdrell - Past BOP Provincial President

	Irrigation NZ	Andrew Curtis – CEO
	Te Puke Fruitgrowers Assn	Ross Bawden
Observer	Martin Meier	Federate Farmers Senior Reg. Policy Advisor

Resolved

That the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group:

- 1. Receives the report, Freshwater Futures Update dated 10 April 2019.**

**Mackay/Clout
CARRIED**

7.2 Tauranga Moana Programme Update

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Coastal Catchments Manager Pim De Monchy presented the Tauranga Moana Programme Update Report:

Key Points Highlighted

- He Korowai Mātauranga, BOPRC's regional mātauranga Māori internal staff framework had been prepared which would assist Toi Moana in working with tangata whenua. The draft implementation plan was due 30 June 2019 and would give effect to three Muka or strands: (1) developing cultural responsiveness tools to support staff; (2) preparing a relationship strategy that will enhance staff capability to respond to tangata whenua; and the interfacing of mātauranga with science, and (3) development of a repository of mātauranga that was centralised and managed in collaboration with Māori
- Summer had seen significantly lower volumes of sea lettuce washing up around the inner harbour beaches
- A seagrass ecosystem health trial had been undertaken in Tauranga Harbour and would measure a range of seagrass health metrics
- Planning was underway for the 2020 Happy Harbour Fun Day
- As part of the BOPRC Annual Plan 2019/20 submissions process, Regional Council had received a request for the capital purchase of land on Matakana Island for use as a regional reserve, to be potentially co-managed
- Currently focusing on the following four Tauranga Moana tributaries with a higher degrees of tension: Uretara Estuary, Te Mania/Project Parore, Kopurereroa Valley and Waitoa
- Kaimai Mamaku Catchments Forum Biodiversity Group was working through a process to develop a pest animal management plan for the Kaimai Mamaku with help from pest control experts

Points Raised by Members

- Noted that the science relating to Swan Control would be presented by Fish & Game at the next meeting of the Advisory Group
- Long term plan priorities raised by Ngāi Te Rangi and Ngāti Ranginui:
 - Currently the Tauranga Moana Framework was a mechanism whereby iwi/hapū put their priorities forward via the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group
 - This process, however, needed to be reconsidered; an alternative effective process whereby iwi/hapū priorities/projects for the Tauranga Moana Framework were resourced and scoped through the long term plans of the various district/city and regional councils was required
 - Iwi/hapū should be given an opportunity to put forward their own aspirations and priorities for Tauranga Moana

- Currently iwi/hapū was involved in the programme activities purely as a consequence of them domiciling in the area where the projects were occurring and being mana whenua
- This should be changed: iwi/hapū should put forward their issues by means of the following: (1) the actions contained in the two Tauranga Moana Management Plans needed to be scoped/funded/refined into the programme and (2) the effective engagement and participation of hapū: a submission had been prepared as part of the BOPRC Annual Plan 2019/20 process for the formation of Tauranga Moana Kaitiaki Te Awanui Forum to allow opportunity for tangata whenua discussion/prioritisation, with the appropriate technical advice and secretarial support, feeding into the different agencies
- Required a stock take of the two Tauranga Moana Management Plans (Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Iwi Management Plan 2008 and the Tauranga Moana Iwi Management Plan 2016 – 2026) on what actions had been completed/progressed and what actions were still outstanding.

Items for Staff Follow-up

- A report to be submitted to the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group on the outcome of additional water quality monitoring taking place in the Kaiate catchment to determine the load of E-coli coming from the beginning of the Otawera stream, tributaries and from the bush
- All parties to have an initial conversation on how the proposed Tauranga Moana Kaitiaki Te Awanui Forum could look like and what the capacity building of hapū/iwi would involve.

Resolved

That the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group:

- 1 Receives the report “Tauranga Moana Programme Update” containing the Tauranga Moana Programme Dashboard dated May 2019.**

**Bruning/Clout
CARRIED**

8 Presentations

8.1 WBOPDC Environment Strategy

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A3241351

Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC) Senior Policy Analyst Jodie Rickard, by means of a PowerPoint Presentation, provided an overview of the WBOPDC Draft Environment Strategy:

Key Points of the Presentation

- Purpose of the Strategy
 - Prepared under the Local Government Act 2002
 - Guided Council’s investment and work programme and the actions Council would take
 - Actions related to Council’s functions (did not cover all things environmental, covered the things Council was responsible for)
 - Strategy would be included in the Long Term Plan – activity plans would deliver on the strategy
- Highlighted the alignment between the Tauranga Moana Programme and the WBOPDC Draft Environment Strategy in terms of vision/outcomes and goals

- Tauranga Moana Work Programme Actions included the following:
 - Tauranga Harbour Inundation and Coastal Erosion models / Margins Project / Stream works
 - Coastcare
 - Predator Free BOP
 - Katikati Hills to the Ocean – H2O Improvement Project
 - Project Parore
 - IP3 Hazardous Activities and Industries List activity audits
 - Regional Wastewater Overflow Forum
 - Water craft and general harbour access surveys
 - Tahataharoa Land Purchase and Restoration Project
 - District-wide natural environment support
 - Ongare Wastewater Scheme / Katikati Wastewater Treatment Scheme
 - Seawalls
 - Omokoroa to Tauranga Cycleway
 - Proposed Kerbside Rubbish Collection (Rates funded)
- Next steps:
 - Draft Strategy to form part of the Long Term Plan 2021-2031
 - Continuation of work on strategy/actions and alignment with other strategies/plans/actions plans
 - Long Term Plan would include reviews of work programmes and budgets, including opportunities to prioritise actions.

Point Raised by Members:

- WBOPDC's Community Matching Fund of \$140,000 provided specifically for an Environmental Fund of \$40,000 for projects benefiting the natural environment.

10:40 am The meeting **adjourned**.

11:00 am The meeting **reconvened**.

8.2 Proposed Coastal Pathway

Tauranga City Council Strategic Planner Cheryl Steiner, supported by City Project Analyst Clinton Bowyer, provided a verbal update on progress made with the recent consultation process and proposed Memorial Park to City Centre coastal pathway:

Key Points of the Presentation

- Recently completed a consultation process regarding the community's views on the proposal to develop a coastal pathway connecting Memorial Park and the City Centre via The Strand
- The project had been talked about for a number of years as it was a key connection identified in city centre strategies and the wider walking and cycling network
- Captured a range of views people had to better understand whether the community wanted it to proceed and any issues or opportunities that may need to be considered. Also talked directly to affected landowners to understand their views on the proposal
- Would provide feedback to Council where a decision would be made on whether to do further investigation into the viability of the pathway. If further work was undertaken, this would involve a detailed look at mitigation and design options which would determine the cost, design and location of the pathway
- If the project proceeded to the next stage, the project cost and recommended funding approach would be included in the next Long Term Plan process (2021)
- Highlighted the benefits of the coastal pathway
- Provided coastal pathway examples from Auckland Council and New Plymouth District Council

- Potential environment impacts of the pathway:
 - The design would need to consider the retention as far as possible of the natural character of the foreshore, however it would change the outlook and character from what it currently was
 - The design solution would need to be cognisant of climate change, coastal erosion, environmental values and rising sea levels
- Riparian rights
 - Whether particular work interfered with a private riparian right would depend on the nature and extent of the work, and its location and design
 - This could be worked through with property owners to provide access to the water via boat ramps, stairs or other engineered solutions
- Next steps
 - Outcomes of consultation to be reported to Council in July 2019
 - If project proceeded - detailed design to follow
 - Project to be consulted on in Long Term Plan (March/April 2021)

Points Raised by Members

- Lessons should be learned from the adverse effects the construction of the Southern Pipeline has had on the residents of Matapihi: notwithstanding opposition from the residents, construction continued and had caused continuous harm due to cultural sensitivities. Suggested that a forum of residents be formed to be consulted and that every effort be made to include the entire community
- Staff to be aware that not all places along the coastal pathway should be for public viewing: should be mindful of tikanga requirements relating to dolphin/whale recovery and waka paths
- Critical to take the necessary steps to protect the natural environment by being mindful of natural processes
- Staff should be conscious that the practice of consultation with mana whenua forums was not an ideal model for kaitiaki as mana whenua were not always RMA technicians/experts
- Reiterated the importance of telling the stories of the area and its people from all difference perspectives for the communities to understand history and context. The work programme should be resourced accordingly.

Items for Staff Follow-up

- Since discussion between TCC staff members and tangata whenua relating to the telling of stories had commenced, further discussion between tangata whenua and BOPRC/WBOPDC to be pursued.

11.41 am – Te Pio Kawe **withdrew** from the meeting.

8.3 **Swan Control**

Following an apology received from Senior Fish & Game Officer Matthew McDougall, the presentation on Swan Control was deferred to the next meeting scheduled for 16 August 2019.

Item for Staff Follow-up

- Inclusion of the Swan Control Presentation on the agenda of 16 August 2019.

8.4 **National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management – Te Mana o Te Wai**

Item addressed under item 7.1.

8.5 Tauranga Moana Wai Māori Strategy Update

Ngāi Te Rangi Representative Pia Bennett provided a verbal updated as follows:

Key Points

- Provided perspective on Treaty Settlements as well as treaty responsibility/partnerships: The Crown and iwi were partners; however, the Crown had delegated its responsibilities to councils
- In terms of the Treaty Settlements, Māori had sensitivities that needed to be provided for at all levels of planning – this was also applicable to Plan Change 9: Māori needed to be given sensitivity as a treaty partner. Developed a document elaborating on a relief package for submission to the BOPRC Appeals Subcommittee for consideration
- Recently undertook cultural flows in liaison with BOPRC on ten streams of significance, looked at extremely low flows following the recent warm weather. Information had been shared with BOPRC; Dr Gail Tippers' Cultural Flow Preference Methodology had been used.

9 Consideration of General Business

Tauranga Moana Iwi Management Plan 2016 – 2026

- Noted that the matter relating to the Tauranga Moana Iwi Management Plan 2016 – 2026 not replacing the 2008 Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Iwi Management Plan had been resolved and that the BOPRC web page would be updated accordingly.

10 Next Meeting – 16 August 2019

The next meeting had been scheduled for Friday, 16 August 2019.

11 Closing Karakia

Cr Matemoana McDonald closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting concluded at 12:34 pm.

Confirmed 16 August 2019

Councillor N Bruning
Chairperson - Tauranga Moana Advisory Group

Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee Meeting held in Mauao Rooms, Bay of Plenty Regional Council Building, 87 First Avenue, Tauranga on Friday, 24 May 2019 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: S Crosby (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

Deputy Chairman: J Nees

Appointees: Mayor M Campbell - Kawerau District Council, Deputy Mayor D Donaldson - Alternate, Rotorua Lakes Council, Councillor B Julian - Alternate, Kawerau District Council, Mayor S Chadwick - Rotorua Lakes Council, Councillor A Iles - Alternate, Whakatāne District Council, Councillor D Thwaites - Western Bay of Plenty District Council, R I'Anson - Acting Director of Regional, New Zealand Transport Agency, Councillor J Palmer - Alternate, Western Bay of Plenty District Council, A Talbot - Alternate, New Zealand Transport Agency, Councillor L Baldock - Tauranga City Council, Mayor John Forbes - Ōpōtiki District Council.

In Attendance: Inspector B Crowe - Road Safety Advisor/ BOP District Police, J Galbraith - Freight Advisor, D Kneebone - Port Advisor/Property & Infrastructure Manager, Port of Tauranga

Bay of Plenty Regional Council: Chairman Leeder, Cr David Love, Namouta Poutasi – General Manager Strategy & Science, Bron Healey – Senior Transport Planner, David Phizacklea – Regional Development Manager, A Namana – Committee Advisor.

Other: Janeane Joyce – Channeled Planning and Contracting, John Hutchings – HenleyHutchings, Robert Brodnax – UFTI Project Director (via Video Link), Mark Tamura – Waikato Regional Council

Apologies: Mayor A Bonne - Whakatāne District Council, Councillor R Curach - Alternate, Tauranga City Council, Councillor K Young - Alternate, Ōpōtiki District Council, Councillor L Thurston - Alternate, Bay of Plenty Regional Council

1 Apologies

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

Accepts the apologies from Mayor A Bonne - Whakatāne District Council, Councillor R Curach - Alternate, Tauranga City Council, Councillor K Young - Alternate, Ōpōtiki District Council and Councillor L Thurston - Alternate, Bay of Plenty Regional Council tendered at the meeting.

**Crosby/Nees
CARRIED**

2 Public Forum

Carole Gordon – Engaging Elders in Transport Planning

PowerPoint Presentation – Reference A3250351

Tabled item 1 – BOP Longevity Graph – *Reference A3250357*. A supporting document - Final Engagement Report was to be circulated to members following the meeting – *Reference A3250355*.

Key Points

- Provided a follow up from a previous presentation to the Public Transport Committee
- The number of people over 75 years of age in the SmartGrowth region would increase 229% by 2036 and be the largest public transport consumer group
- Outlined research survey results of what elders sought from the public transport environment
- Described current issues of public transport provision
- Suggested a 3D printed self-driving shuttle concept
- Recommended that UFTI consider complementary urban, community focused “micro-transit” public transport services to complement key transit routes, increase patronage and address congestion
- Supported further investigation of the public transport requirements of ageing communities in the Bay of Plenty region.

Key Points – Namouta Poutasi – General Manager Strategy & Science

- Subsequent to the previous presentation to the Public Transport Committee on 10 May 2019, the report had been taken to UFTI and the project team with staff committing to propose how to work through the recommendations at the next Public Transport Committee
- As part of Bay of Plenty Regional Council’s Annual Plan 2019-20 deliberations, smaller bus options were being considered as well as the extension of super gold card hours.

The Chairperson acknowledged the years of service provided by Councillor Curach and welcomed Councillor Baldock as the new appointed member from Tauranga City Council.

3 Acceptance of Late Items

Nil.

4 General Business

Nil.

5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Nil.

6 Previous Minutes

6.1 Regional Transport Committee Minutes - 15 March 2019

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Confirms the Regional Transport Committee Minutes - 15 March 2019 as a true and correct record.

Crosby/Nees
CARRIED

6.2 Regional Transport Committee minutes - 24 April 2018

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Confirms the Regional Transport Committee minutes - 24 April 2018 as a true and correct record.

Crosby/Nees
CARRIED

6.3 Regional Transport Committee minutes - 02 February 2018

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Confirms the Regional Transport Committee minutes - 02 February 2018 as a true and correct record.

Crosby/ Nees
CARRIED

7 Reports

7.1 Update from Committee Members and Advisors

Mayor Steve Chadwick – Rotorua Lakes Council

Key Points

- Requested clarification on the status of Connect Rotorua and an update on the timing for interim Stage 1 and completion of the Ngongotahā roundabout
- Supported UFTI in principle, but had concerns about its impact on Rotorua activities which were also addressing urban growth issues.

John Galbraith – Freight Advisor

Key Points

- Funding had been secured to set up a driver training centre in Kawerau to service the Eastern Bay of Plenty, complementing the existing network of training centres
- Acknowledged support of Freight Logistics Action Group (FLAG) at career expo events held in Rotorua and Edgecumbe.

Mayor Malcolm Campbell – Kawerau District Council**Key Points**

- The quality of State Highway 34 pavements on the Rotorua side of Kawerau was a concern
- Noted the importance of catering to the needs of elderly people in small communities
- Waiū Dairy Plant would be operational in another six weeks.

Inspector Brent Crowe – Road Safety Advisor/ Bay of Plenty District Police**Key Points**

- 40 people had died on Bay of Plenty roads in 2019 to date
- Approximately 50% of vehicle crashes involved impairment including fatigue, distraction or alcohol consumption
- In the majority of instances Heavy Motor Vehicles (HMs) were not at fault
- A national initiative would see an additional 30 policing staff from around the country arriving in the Bay of Plenty for the month of June 2019
- People could expect to observe a higher police presence on roads during this time and resources would be focussed on high-risk areas highlighted by emerging trends.

Key Points – Members

- Mayor Chadwick acknowledged the police and emergency services staff for their hard work over a difficult period on Bay of Plenty roads.

Cr Stuart Crosby (Chairperson) – Bay of Plenty Regional Council**Key Points**

- Phase 3 of the review of the Western Bay Public Transport Blueprint network was well underway
- Dedicated school bus service was on track with Phase 1 showing success with students identifying with the same bus and driver
- Progress on the return of some Tauranga and Pāpāmoa routes had been delayed due to bus driver shortage
- Route 41 would now be reinstated on 24 June 2019 and 8 July 2019 for Pāpāmoa, a direct route would be taken in the morning and afternoon, but servicing every stop during the day
- The UFTI budget would be announced 30 May 2019.

Dan Kneebone – Port of Tauranga**Key Points**

- First interim report of the upper North Island supply chain study had been released
- The Port supported the current competitive model
- Congestion on Totara Street and at Hewletts Road/ Totara Street intersection remained a major issue
- Continued to encourage growth in volumes on rail and via coastal shipping
- The large scale de-barker opened at Murupara meant logs would be transported without bark, reducing debris on rail and roads.

Cr Andrew Iles – Whakatāne District Council**Key Points**

- Costing was being sought for a permanent compostable toilet for the swimming hole site at Waimana gorge where the next Tūhoe Ahurei would be held in 2020

- State Highway 2 Taneātua pedestrian and speed management concept options were close to being released
- LED lighting installations across the district were on track for completion by the end of June 2019.

Cr Larry Baldock – Tauranga City Council

Key Points

- Cycle Action Plan report was due to go to the Urban Form and Transport Committee in July 2019
- A well-funded communication budget was essential for effective community engagement
- Plans were being finalised for Arataki/ Bayfair interchange and the central city terminal
- Updated members on Tauranga Transport Strategic Model and Tauranga Transport Hybrid Model, due to be completed by the end of June 2019.

Cr Don Thwaites – Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Key Points

- 90% of urban growth in the Western Bay of Plenty occurred north of Wairoa bridge
- Funding models from Ministry of Transport were required to address the issues of public transport and accessibility for population growth.

Cr John Palmer – Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Key Points

- A key component of completing the Ōmokoroa to Tauranga cycleway was crossing the Wairoa bridge
- Ōmokoroa Road project was now on hold awaiting funding from NZTA.

Mayor John Forbes – Ōpōtiki District Council

Key Points

- New road development to service the harbour entrance needed to be addressed in the first part of 2020
- Street lighting on Ōpōtiki Bridge had been scheduled for repairs for seven months and was an issue for community safety.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Update from Committee Members and Advisors.**

**Campbell/Crosby
CARRIED**

7.2 New Zealand Transport Agency Update

PowerPoint Presentation – Reference A3241181

Ross l'Anson – Acting Director Regional Relationships and Alistair Talbot – Lead Strategic Planner presented this item.

Key Points

- Working together with Creative Tauranga on the visual aesthetics of the Baypark to Bayfair Link
- Noted Mayor Chadwick's concerns about Connect Rotorua process and would continue engagement with Rotorua Lakes Council on this
- Trying to progress work on Ngongotahā roundabout and Ngongotahā to State Highway 5
- Opōtiki bridge lighting issues were to be resolved
- All National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) activity classes were oversubscribed due to an overwhelming response to the GPS and Target Enhanced Financial Assistance Rate (TEFAR)
- TEFAR scope was reduced and would now only cover low cost/ low risk safety projects
- Communication was being released to each Council advising which projects had been approved and which projects were likely or unlikely to be funded in the next two years
- Highlighted areas of focus for the NLTP 2021-24
- Provided a speed management update included in a suite of safety interventions to be delivered as part of the Safe Network Programme
- Standard Safety Intervention Toolkit had been released as part of the Safe Network Programme
- Mega Maps speed management tool was to become more readily available with access requests assessed on an individual basis.

Presenters in Response to Questions

- There were more projects than available funding
- NZTA would work closely with Councils on TEFAR projects and prioritisation.

Key Points – Members

- It was challenging to identify which cycle projects would be aligned to the new requirements
- There did not appear to be any immediate benefits from the changes at Barks Corner.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, New Zealand Transport Agency Update.**

**Iles/Chadwick
CARRIED**

7.3 Urban Form and Transport Initiative Update

Robert Brodnax – Project Director for Urban Form and Transport Initiative (UFTI) provided a verbal update via Video Link, supported by David Phizacklea – Regional Development Manager.

Key Points

- Three people had been appointed to the UFTI Project Team – Robert Brodnax (Project Director), Ben Peacey (Technical Coordinator) and Janeane Joyce (Project Manager)

- Summarised the objectives and intentions the final UFTI report would provide to the Bay of Plenty region and how people and goods would be moving around now and within the next 50 years
- Current focus was on aligning evidence and information from Councils to complete the foundation report
- A co-design approach was being developed with stakeholders, where collaboration was important with both organisations and stakeholders across the wider Bay of Plenty region to ensure their engagement in the process
- Work was underway on an effective communications platform for the wider community
- More work was required around the potential of mode shift to make a difference in terms of how the transport system functioned now and in the long term
- Quick fixes and longer term solutions were being planned for pressure areas such as Hewletts Road and Totara Street
- Higher profile engagement material could be expected in the next four to six weeks.

Presenters in Response to Questions

- As part of the project, the impact of tourists flows would be considered
- Regional freight flows was a critical piece of work which included the entire Bay of Plenty region.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Urban Form and Transport Initiative Update.**

**Crosby/ Iles
CARRIED**

7.4 Regional Land Transport Plan Variation - Urban Form and Transport Initiative Programme Business Case

Bron Healey – Senior Transport Planner presented this item.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Regional Land Transport Plan Variation - Urban Form and Transport Initiative Programme Business Case;**
- 2 Adds the Urban Form and Transport initiative Programme Business Case to the Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Plan 2018; and**
- 3 Determines that the proposed variation is not significant for the purposes of public consultation.**

**Thwaites/Nees
CARRIED**

7.5 Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Partnership

PowerPoint Presentation – Reference A3245165 and **Tabled Item 2** – Hei Awarua ki te Oranga – Reference A3245168

David Phizacklea – Regional Development Manager introduced Mark Tamura – Waikato Regional Council who attended the meeting to present this item.

Key Points of Presentation

- Briefly covered the background and the context of the Corridor Plan
- Hamilton to Auckland Corridor was one of the most significant water, road and rail corridors in the country
- Waikato Awa had constraints including being oversubscribed, yet not over-allocated
- Major challenges were congestion, water availability and quality
- There was a strong collaborative leadership culture through Future Proof Partnership, similar to SmartGrowth
- Provided an overview of the process:
 - Collaborative but targeted
 - Accelerated
 - Evidence informed
- Detailed each of the six layers within the Statement of Shared Spatial Intent
- Objectives were effectively balanced between environmental wellbeing, community wellbeing, growth and development
- A corridor plan steering group had been created in addition to the existing structure
- Described the five parts to the Growth Management Partnership.

Presenters in Response to Questions

- Freight growth needed to be considered with passenger capabilities and what a rapid service could look like
- Low carbon planning was a key aspect of the project.

Key Points – Members

- Agreed that regional spatial planning was the way of the future.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Partnership.**

**Forbes/Thwaites
CARRIED**

12.05 pm - The meeting **adjourned**.

12.25 pm - The meeting **reconvened**.

7.6 Appointment of Environmental Sustainability Advisor

Bron Healey – Senior Transport Planner presented this item.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 **Receives the report, Appointment of Environmental Sustainability Advisor;**
- 2 **Notes that a public process will seek nominations for candidates to fill the Environmental Sustainability Advisor role; and**
- 3 **Appoints the Regional Transport Committee Chair and the Regional Council's General Manager – Strategy and Science as a selection panel and delegates authority to the Chair to appoint an Environmental Sustainability advisor.**

**Nees/Baldock
CARRIED**

7.7 **Transport Planning Update**

John Hutchings – HenleyHutchings attended the meeting and provided an overview of national initiatives.

Key Points

- The cost of living in large New Zealand cities was increasing compared to Australia
- Policy changes had funding implications and funding opportunities needed to be watched closely
- Identified the different initiatives and implications for the transport sector
- Highlighted the connecting themes and links back to the agenda for regional transport.

12.43 pm - Mayor Forbes **withdrew** from the meeting.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 **Receives the report, Transport Planning Update.**

**Crosby/Iles
CARRIED**

7.8 **Bay of Plenty Passenger and Freight Rail Investigation - Draft Report**

PowerPoint Presentation – Reference A3247392

Janeane Joyce – Channeled Planning and Contracting attended the meeting for this item and provided an outline of the report.

Key Points of Presentation

- Outlined the two phases of the investigation and covered the work undertaken to date in Phase 1
- Recognised the input and assistance of key stakeholders
- Three Government reviews linked to rail were in progress
- Detailed future opportunities involving:
 - Partnering with Central Government
 - Developing a Rapid Transit Transition Plan for Western Bay of Plenty
 - Encouraging protection and optimisation of the Bay of Plenty rail network

- Including all rail activities within the National Land Transport Fund / Programme
- Defining customer values within multi-modal choices

1.00pm - Cr Thwaites **withdrew** from the meeting.

- Access to rail was important to many industries including horticulture
- It was important to discover what people valued when making decisions about transport choices.

Presenters in Response to Questions

- Rapid Transit included all modes of transport
- Clarified that the conversation around Phase 2 would be built into UFTI and other regional work.

Key Points – Members

- Noted key points in terms of freight rail and potential for passenger rail need to be read together.
- Kaimai tunnel considerations needed to be included in Regional Rail Constraints
- There was a direct Rotorua to Auckland line which could be an opportunity to have reinstated.

1.23 pm - Mayor Chadwick **withdrew** from the meeting.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Bay of Plenty Passenger and Freight Rail Investigation – Draft Report;**
- 2 Support the exploration of rapid transit through UFTI and other relevant strategies;**
- 3 Endorses the Bay of Plenty Passenger and Freight Rail Phase 1 Investigation report, subject to any amendments arising from discussion of the item.**

**Crosby/Campbell
CARRIED**

7.9 Review of Regional Land Transport Plan Measures and Targets

Bron Healey – Senior Transport Planner presented this item.

1.26 pm - Dan Kneebone **withdrew** from the meeting.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Review of Regional Land Transport Plan Measures and Targets;**

- 2 Notes that there are several legislative and national policy development processes underway with significant implications for measures and targets in Regional Land Transport Plans;
- 3 Notes that staff and the Regional Advisory Group will continue to develop high level options for measures and targets for future consideration by the Committee.

**Nees/Iles
CARRIED**

7.10 Bay of Plenty Regional Road Safety Report

Inspector Crowe – NZ Police responded to questions regarding this item.

In Response to Questions

- New short term resources would likely be domiciled in Rotorua and deployed using an evidence based model
- Of the four multiple fatality Bay of Plenty crashes in the year to date, only one had involved a people mover
- The infringement fee for using cell phones whilst driving was \$80 and involved no demerit points for the driver. Attaching demerits could be a catalyst for change.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 **Receives the report, Bay of Plenty Regional Road Safety Report.**

**Nees/Campbell
CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 1.47 p.m.

Confirmed DATE

Councillor Stuart Crosby
Chairperson – Regional Transport Committee

Minutes of the Rangitāiki River Forum Meeting held in Council Chambers, Whakatāne District Council, Civic Centre, Commerce Street, Whakatāne on Friday, 7 June 2019 commencing at 10.00 am

Present:

Chairman: Maramena Vercoe - Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa

Deputy Chairman: Te Waiti Rangiwai - Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare

Appointees: Crs Tīpene Marr, Bill Clark, Kevin Winters, David Love - Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Tuwhakairiora O'Brien (Alternate) - Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa, Ngapera Rangiaho - Tūhoe, Ivy Kahukiwa Smith, Janice Wall (Alternate) - Hineuru, Clifford Te Riini - Ngāti Tūwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust, Cr Alison Silcock (Alternate) - Whakatāne District Council

In Attendance: Bay of Plenty Regional Council: Chris Ingle – General Manager Integrated Catchments, Nancy Willems – Team Leader Eastern Catchments, Reuben Fraser – Consents Manager, James Low – Team Leader Policy (Freshwater), Michelle Lee – Planner (Water Policy), Mieke Kapa – Land Management Officer (Eastern), Sandy Hohepa – Māori Policy Advisor, Kay Boreham – Marketing & Communications Advisor, Shari Kameta – Committee Advisor; Nicholas Woodley – Senior Project Planner, Whakatāne District Council; Michal Akurangi – Taiao Manager, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa; Externals: Eimear Egan – Freshwater Fish Ecologist, Dr Kura Paul-Burke, Pou Hononga - Maori & the Marine Environment, NIWA; Chris Fern – Environmental Manager, Trustpower; Beverley Hughes; Brad Bluett – Department of Conservation

Apologies: Miro Araroa - Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa, Paora Hunia - Ngāti Tūwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust, Cr Tangonui Kingi, Cr Rosie Harvey (Alternate) – Taupō District Council, Cr George Johnston - Whakatāne District Council, Cr Matemoana McDonald (Alternate) - Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Te Waiti Rangiwai (early departure)

1 **Opening Karakia**

Provided by Cr Tiipene Marr.

2 **Announcements**

Chair Maramema Vercoe advised that Tūwharetoa (BOP) Settlements Trust had provided notice of a recent change in membership. Due to current commitments of Reverend Paora Hunia, Clifford Te Riini had been placed as the appointed member and Reverend Paora Hunia as the alternate.

Alternate Member Tuwhakairiora O'Brien introduced Michal Akurangi who had recently taken up the position of Manager Taiao at Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa.

3 Apologies

Resolved

That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

- 1 Accepts the apologies from: Miro Araroa, Cr Tangonui Kingi, Cr Rosie Harvey, Cr Matemoana McDonald, Paora Hunia, Cr George Johnston and Te Waiti Rangiwai for early departure tendered at the meeting.

Vercoe/Rangiwai
CARRIED

4 Public Forum

Nil

5 Acceptance of Late Items

Nil

6 General Business

Nil

7 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Nil

8 Previous Minutes

8.1 Rangitāiki River Forum Minutes - 07 December 2018

Resolved

That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

- 1 Confirms the Rangitāiki River Forum Minutes - 07 December 2018 as a true and correct record.

Winter/Clark
CARRIED

Matters Arising:

- Agenda page 19 – an update on the role and relationship of the Tuna Steering Committee and Tuna Forum would be provided under agenda item 11.3, General Operations Update.
- Agenda page 23, fifth bullet point – clarification was sought regarding iwi feedback and perceptions and the Forum's role in the resource consent process, considering this function was not in alignment with the Forum's legislative provisions. It was

noted that one of the options the Forum may wish to consider in the future could be to discuss the key points raised to decide whether there were any decisions for the Forum to make, such as providing guidelines for Iwi in the resource consent space.

9 Presentation

9.1 NIWA Study on larval marine life of shortfin and longfin glass eels

Refer PowerPoint Presentation: Objective ID A3259348.

Eimear Egan, NIWA Freshwater Fish Ecologist provided a presentation on her PhD research study of the marine life of glass eels (tuna), which she proposed to undertake within the Rangitāiki River. Dr Kura Paul-Burke attended in support of Ms Egan's study.

Key points:

- The study was a three year project funded by NIWA and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Smart Idea Fund.
- Reason for the study was little understanding was known about: inanga and tuna population decline, reproductive and migratory phases, speculative changes to sea temperatures and the marine environment resulting from climate change.
- New Zealand was the only place where glass eels could be found.
- Study aims were to understand: all pressures, stages of early life, reproduction; commercial and climate change effects on spawning and population declines.
- Current understanding was that glass eel larvae reproduced in the Tonga region during October to December and migrated to New Zealand, transforming into glass eels (similar to whitebait) along the coastline.
- Only one monitoring programme on glass eels returning from sea was currently undertaken in New Zealand by Department of Conservation in the Ashley River.
- The study would look at the earbone rings (otoliths) and larvae tissues of glass eels which recorded the: age, birth date, daily growth rates, sea temperatures experienced and chemistry of diet sources, which could trace their origins.
- The trial study was proposed to commence in July, October and November 2019 by capturing glass eels during night time hours as they entered the river.
- With appropriate approvals, studies at three sites were proposed to be carried out at the same time on the Rangitāiki River, Grey River (West Coast, South Island) and Ash River (East Coast, South island).

In Response to Questions:

- Local knowledge of river conditions and safe locations to catch glass eels would be important and useful.
- Local whitebaiters were welcome to assist with study catches.
- Sampling dates were planned around the moon, tides and weather conditions.
- Opportunity to hold wānanga was noted and acknowledged.
- The Department of Conservation had acquired funding this year to undertake some tuna study, which may be able to be utilised to assist with the study.
- Estimated migration time of larvae was between four to seven months, depending on conditions. Migration patterns likely assisted larvae from evading predators.
- Ms Egan would report back to the Forum and provide six-monthly updates.

Members Comments:

- Advised that appropriate engagement would be undertaken by the Rangitāiki Hapū Coalition to ensure hapū and whānau were informed of the study.
- Commended the study and the value it would have to tangata whenua, future work and generations.

- Supported a wānanga for tangata whenua who lived along the river.

Action for Staff Follow-Up:

- Requested that information of Ms Egan's study be made available to the Regional Council to ensure their awareness and provide assistance where possible.

Resolved

That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

- 1 **Receives the presentation, NIWA Study on larval marine life of shortfin and longfin glass eels.**
- 2 **Endorses the study research going forward.**

Winter/Marr
CARRIED

9.2 Trustpower Update on Fish Passage Options

Refer PowerPoint Presentation: Objective ID A3266652

Trustpower Environmental Manager Chris Fern provided a presentation on the upstream trap and transfer interim results for the 2018/19 season and the upstream fish prototype and next steps.

Key points:

- Outlined results from the 2006/7-2018/19 trap and transfer seasons:
 - Approximately 1.2 million elvers (2.6 tonnes) were moved upstream in 2018/19, which was higher than the previous two seasons, but lower than most other seasons.
 - No clear pattern was experienced over the seasons which was similar to other Trustpower trapping stations across the country.
 - Samples sent to NIWA had identified the majority of transfers were shortfin tuna, with 15% long fin tuna, which was indicative of other schemes.
 - Upstream locations recorded one tonne transferred into Lake Matahina, 740 kg at Aniwhenua at Kopuriki and 840 kg at Aniwhenua Dam.
- Regarding the upstream fish passage prototype:
 - Trustpower's resource consent required them to consider new technologies and to assess them against the current approved trap and transfer method.
 - Invitation to contribute to the Tuna Steering Group's literature review into fish passage options had found very few tested structures provided for all native fish species over Matahina Dam, which was required by the consent.
 - Investigation into a concrete ramp over a distance of 2.5 km had been discounted, as there was no guarantee of success for all native fish species.
 - In collaboration with Trustpower engineers and freshwater ecologists, a small scale upstream fish passage prototype had been investigated and developed and a live trial undertaken using goldfish.
 - Next steps were to undertake live trials during the 2019/20 season, and gather further information on its potential success.
 - Proposed using approximately 50-100 elvers and a similar set of native fish.
 - Suggested location for the prototype was near the Kokopu Trust transfer site and to test the prototype in staged locations.
 - The trial would require a special permit from Ministry for Primary Industries.
 - Trustpower were encouraged by the initial live trial results and were keen to engage with Iwi and hapū to seek support for the MPI permit application.

- Aspirations were to have the trap and transfer programme and prototype operating alongside each other in 2020/21 in the short-term; and if successful it was proposed that the prototype would eventually replace the trap and transfer programme in the long-term.

In Response to Questions:

- Downstream transfer of adult tuna was possible by reversing the wind, however Trustpower wished to start with the elvers first and investigate how to attract them to enter the prototype.
- The prototype was the first of its kind to be trialled by a power scheme of this size, so a staged approach was proposed to ensure each prototype worked before continuing to the next section upstream of the dam.
- The concept had been briefly discussed with Mr Bill Kerrison, but he had not seen the prototype plans.
- The project did not have a budget, but funding was made available where needed.
- A special permit from MPI was needed to undertake the trial, as the current permit held by the Kokopu Trust was not authorised for trials.
- Viewed the prototype was a vast improvement to the previous proposed live trials.
- Anticipated the live trial would take approximately three days to complete.

Members Comments:

- Commended Trustpower for the good news and coming up with the prototype.
- Requested that concept plans be shared with Mr Bill Kerrison, which Mr Fern acknowledged and would undertake.
- Wished for the prototype to match the natural migration path as much as possible, i.e. providing for fish shelter and rest areas and for the project to be undertaken for the wellbeing of the environment first and foremost.
- Suggested Trustpower collaborate with Ms Egan's study research and trial.
- Considered the proposal should be taken to each Iwi and hapū for approval.

Resolved

That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

- 1 Receives the presentation, Trustpower Update on Fish Passage Options.**
- 2 Supports Trustpower's application for a special permit to the Ministry for Primary Industries.**

**Vercoe/Te Riini
CARRIED**

10 **Chair's Report**

10.1 **Rangitāiki River Forum – Haerenga Whakamua - Our journey forward**

Chair Maramena Vercoe presented her report which sought discussion on the future direction of the Forum and recommended the Forum adopt Te Mana o Te Wai as its vision, Te Reo o te Wai as its mission and that amendments be made to the Rangitāiki River document to reflect new Forum partners.

Key points:

- Outlined the Forum's purpose and summary of workshop feedback on the Forum's roles and functions and three wellbeings for the river.
- Treaty legislation had provided for the completion of the Rangitāiki River document.

- Considered it was time for the Forum to set its own direction.
- Viewed the paramount principle of the Forum clearly fit with Te Mana o Te Wai.
- Sought discussion on proactive approaches for preparing for resource consent renewal of the Aniwhenua Dam.

In Response to Questions:

- General Manager Integrated Catchments Chris Ingle considered the concept of Te Mana o Te Wai was complementary to the purpose and function of the Forum and did not conflict with statutory legislation.
- The Chair considered it would not change the purpose of the Forum, but would add to the Terms of Reference and complement the Forum's functions.

Members' Comments:

- Supported the concept of adopting Te Mana o Te Wai as the Forum's vision and Te Reo o Te Wai as the Forum's mission, however considered it prudent to request a legal opinion to ensure there would be no implications in terms of legal statutes.
- Supported Iwi partners sharing workload and resourcing.
- While giving evidence at plan change hearings was a conflict for Regional Council members, support was noted for Iwi partners in that space.
- Supported pursuing Crown funding to support independent advice being provided to the Forum on upcoming resource consent processes and other Forum related work where appropriate.

Staff Comments:

- Mr Ingle noted that as the Forum did not have its own budget to obtain independent advice, Council were resourced to support where it could.
- Mr Ingle offered to request Regional Council in-house legal counsel support from Donna Llewellyn to obtain a legal opinion on implications for including Te Mana o Te Wai as the Forum's vision and mission, which was supported by the Forum.

Resolved

That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

- 1 Receives the report, Rangitāiki River Forum – Haerenga Whakamua - Our journey forward.**

**Marr/Rangiwai
CARRIED**

- 2 Adopts as its vision 'Te Mana o Te Wai'.**

**Kahukiwa-Smith/Marr
CARRIED**

- 3 Adopts as its mission 'Te Reo o te wai – Te Mana'.**

**Te Riini/Kahukiwa-Smith
CARRIED**

- 4 Approves amendments to the Rangitāiki River document, Te Ara Whanui o Rangitāiki – Pathways of the Rangitāiki, to include new Rangitāiki River Forum partners, when appropriate as they occur.**

**Marr/O'Brien
CARRIED**

- 5 Requests a legal review of resolutions 2 and 3 be conducted and reported to the next Forum meeting.

Rangiwai/Love
CARRIED

- 6 Agrees that the Forum request funding from the Crown.

Vercoe/Winters
CARRIED

Order of Business

Due to the early and brief departure of the Deputy Chair, the Chair sought a change to the order of items. Agenda item 10 'Update from Forum Members' would be deferred to later in the meeting and Agenda item 11.1 'Effect of Change 3 (Rangitāiki River) to the RPS' would be received next on the agenda.

11 Reports

11.1 Effect of Change 3 (Rangitāiki River) to the RPS

Team Leader Policy (Environmental) Nassah Steed provided a summary of the effect of Change 3 (Rangitāiki River) to the Regional Policy Statement (RPS).

Key points:

- Change 3 to the RPS became operative on 9 October 2018.
- Regional and district plans must give effect to Change 3 provisions, which must be given regard to in resource consent processes that the matters relate.
- Change 3 provisions were a tool to support submissions and positions on consent applications and other plan change provisions.
- Analysis of other legislative acts would require expertise legal advice.
- Recommended the Forum define the scope of any expert legal advice it sought.

In Response to Questions:

- Clarified some of the methods and provisions within the RPS.
- Change 3 provisions were required to be given effect to in upcoming plan changes, such as Plan Change 9 (Region-wide Water Quantity) and Plan Change 12 (Rangitāiki Water Management Area); and would apply to all resource consent applications and renewals in the interim, having full legal weight to be considered.
- Noted that Regional Council was required under the Resource Management Act to consult with all iwi authorities on any plan changes.

12:00 pm – Te Waiti Rangiwai **withdrew** and the meeting **adjourned**.

1:05 pm – Te Waiti Rangiwai **entered** and the meeting **reconvened**.

Members' Comments:

- Implementation of Method 23X needed consideration in regard to consultation timing with Forum iwi and hapū.
- The Chair considered Iwi members needed to make themselves and their respective iwi organisations aware of the methods and implementation responsibilities of iwi authorities outlined under section 3.2 of the RPS and to raise for consideration any subsequent support that may be needed.

The Chair advised that the receipt of this and other reports would be taken at the end of the meeting.

11.2 Hydro Schemes Consents overview

Consents Manager Reuben Fraser provided the report overview of the consents and conditions of the three hydro schemes on the Rangitāiki River.

Key points:

- Regarding previous comments raised on the Forum seeking independent expertise and assessment of effects of resource consents, Council's expectations were that such funding could be covered by the consent applicant.
- To obtain section 124 rights (to carry on operating under existing consents), applicants were required to apply for renewal six months prior to consent expiry, which the timing for the Lake Aniwanuiwa Dam consent expired on 1 October 2026.
- Engagement processes with key stakeholders was recommended to the applicant as early as possible.
- Clarity of the Forum's and iwi authorities' expectations for timing of engagement in the resource consent process would be useful to provide clear messaging to the applicant.
- Supported iwi collaboration and obtaining guidance and independent expert advice to ensure iwi views were translated effectively in the consent process.
- Clarified that while the 22 June 2016 report (Appendix 1) stated that the Aniwhenua and Wheao consents could not be reviewed before consent expiry, the exception to this would be a change to limit setting that may be set through a regional plan.

Members Comments:

- Iwi authorities were not always privy to consent conditions or provided with completed consent application, which was acknowledged as an issue.

In Response to Questions:

- In accordance with the Resource Management Act, Regional Council encouraged consent holders to seek renewal six months prior to lodgement.
- Matahina Dam consent had review conditions, which Council could review every five years. The next opportunity for review was due in 2024, which the Forum could request via the Regional Council provided a sufficient case was prepared.
- Consent provisions required downstream monitoring of discharges to water, which was public information.
- Mr Fraser would look at how best to provide consent information to the Forum, Iwi, hapū and whanau and would review the consent application forms to ensure all information was provided.
- Another avenue was to include any interested parties on Regional Council's weekly consent application notice updates via request to Mr Fraser or send an email to consent.queries@boprc.govt.nz where any further queries could be followed up.
- Noted more recent iwi management plans provided applicants with relevant details for consultation with iwi and hapū.

Actions for Staff Follow-up:

- Mr Fraser to review consent forms and how information is provided.
- General Manager Integrated Catchments Chris Ingle to follow-up with the Chair on next steps for re-consenting and to discuss any budget implications for reporting back to the Forum.

The Chair advised that receipt of the report would be taken at the end of the meeting.

Order of Business

The Chair advised that Agenda item 10, 'Update from Forum Members' would be received next on the agenda.

12 Update from Forum Members

Members were invited to provide an update on activities or items of relevance or interest to the Forum.

Cr Alison Silcock – Whakatāne District Council

- Cr Silcock noted that she, Mayor Bonne and Chief Executive Stephanie O'Sullivan had enjoyed attending Ngāti Manawa's Planting Day on 15 May. Noted 650 plants were planted by school students from the various preschools and schools.

Cr Bill Clark – Bay of Plenty Regional Council

- Raised awareness of a significant commercial eeling operation had been carried out at Lake Aniwhenua in May, which had raised concern of the Kokopu Trust.
- Encouraged the respective iwi to come to a decision on commercial eeling on the river.

Cr David Love – Bay of Plenty Regional Council

- Informed of a native planting project being undertaken along Takitimu Drive in Tauranga, which the Rotary Club of Tauranga were involved in diverting existing land into wetlands. Cr Love wished to provide a short presentation of the project at the next Forum meeting.

Cr Kevin Winters – Bay of Plenty Regional Council

- Raised awareness of concerns posted on the 'Kia Kaha Edgecumbe' Facebook page leading up to forecasted weather events during the week and Regional Council response and assurance that the event was being monitored.
- Noted that live monitoring stations could be accessed from the Regional Council website at www.boprc.govt.nz via the following path: [Home](#) > [Environment](#) > [Maps and data](#) > [Environmental data](#) > [Live Monitoring](#).

Tuwhakairiora O'Brien – Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa

- Sought clarification on the timeframes of the Rangitāiki Floodway Project.
- General Manager Integrated Catchment Chris Ingle advised the project was anticipated to be completed in two years' time and would be designed to double its capacity to approximately 185 cumecs.

Ngapera Rangiaho – Tūhoe Te Uru Taumatua

- Te Wai o te Hau who were a collective of 8-9 land trusts were meeting with the Mataatua Māori Council tomorrow to discuss development of Waiohau marae.
- Highlighted great work and progress with planting within the Waiohau rohe.
- Noted that while each Tūhoe tribal authority had different priorities, they supported Ngāti Haka/Patuheuheu in the Rangitāiki River Forum space.

Maramena Vercoe – Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa

- Highlighted Ngāti Manawa's hosting of Associate Environment Minister Eugenie Sage on 15 May 2019 and her announcement of the Government's Community Environment Funding received by Ngāti Manawa. The funding would primarily support the clearing of tracks and roadways and planting of native vegetation along the Rangitāiki River. Noted that the planting day held was a great community event.

12.1 General Operations Update

Team Leader Eastern Catchments Nancy Willems provided the report and summary of activity undertaken within the catchment.

Key points:

- The Tuna Harvest Strategy (Forum) was at a stage of considering establishment of a Rohe Awa to enable tangata whenua to sustainably manage their fishery.
- The dashboard provided the Councils' annual work programme in the catchment.
- Wetland restoration project managers were preparing for the upcoming season of work and were talking to respective landowners.
- Te Hekenga o Te Tuna actions had been successful in remediation of 28 culvert structures along public roads in the catchment. Next steps were to look at surveying private land to maximise movement of fish throughout the catchment.
- Regarding gravel build-up upstream of Lake Aniwhenua at Kopuriki Road:
 - Discussion was taking place between the River Scheme Advisory Group (RSAG) and the Aniwhenua Dam owners
 - Suggestion had been made that the RSAG obtain a resource consent for commercial extraction of gravel.
 - Any potential consent process would involve consultation with affected iwi, stakeholders and the Forum.

Members Comments:

- Viewed a lack of consideration given to long-term solutions at the time the dam was built to be inadequate.
- Noted there would be opportunity at the time of consent renewal to put in place the necessary conditions for the clearing of gravel build-up.
- Noted that the expert advice given to the original dam owners considered there would be no impacts from gravel build-up.

In Response to Questions:

- Proposed channel deepening outlined in Appendix 2 maps were considered sufficient to clear the gravel build-up.
- Gravel issues weren't unique to the Rangitāiki River with similar issues found on other rivers.
- Information on river bed aggradation could be made available once complete.
- Rohe Awa kaimoana regulations referred to the Fisheries Act regulations.
- The stage for nomination of kaitiaki to implement the Rohe Awa had not yet been reached.
- The presentation requested by the Forum on the Tuna Harvest Strategy had been deferred while discussions with the Tuna Forum and respective iwi partners were still progressing.

Chris Ingle advised that Nancy Willems had resigned from Council and commended her contribution and efforts.

The Chair advised that receipt of the report would be deferred to later in the meeting.

12.2 Freshwater Futures Update

Michelle Lee and Team Leader Policy (Freshwater) James Low provided the report on Freshwater Futures progress. Ms Lee thanked Forum members that attended the Forum's Freshwater Workshops in February and May; and the recent Freshwater Futures Community Group (FWCG) Workshop on 27 May 2019.

In Response to Questions:

- Confirmed the presentation provided to the FWCG on 27 May 2019 was more extensive than the Forum's Workshop on 21 May due to more time being available.

Members Comments:

Provided the following feedback on the FWCG Workshop:

- Found the presentation was good, however queried the high level of technical content and whether it had been pitched at the right level.
- Encouraged to see members of both the Rangitāiki-Tarawera River Scheme Advisory Group and the Forum coming together at the FWCG Workshop.
- Workshop material was interesting and identified current knowledge gaps and understanding of the work that was required.
- Participants were open to discussion and addressing the hard questions, which was testament to Council staff and their facilitation at the hui.
- Acknowledged the challenge of the technical information, however noted that the workshops offered opportunities to seek clarification and ask questions.
- Ngāti Manawa's key concern was that work was progressing while the issues of water proprietary remained unresolved, however considered the issue was for Iwi to address.
- Queried the Plan Change 9 and 12 processes and potential implications of setting precedent for the future water management areas.

Staff Response to Questions:

- Acknowledged concerns regarding the complexity of the plan change processes and the pending changes to the NPS-Freshwater Management. Staff were focused on capturing the values and interests of Iwi and tangata whenua to drive the plan change process.
- Acknowledged the challenges in understanding technical material, noting that the Freshwater Team's current focus was to develop and simplify the key messages.

Resolved

That the Rangitāiki River Forum:

- 1 Receives the report, "*Freshwater Futures Update*".**
- 2 Receives the report, Effect of Change 3 (Rangitāiki River) to the RPS.**
- 3 Receives the report, Hydro Schemes Consents overview.**
- 4 Receives the report, General Operations Update.**

**Vercoe/Love
CARRIED**

13 Closing Karakia

Provided by Cr Tiipene Marr.

The meeting closed at 2:10 pm.

CONFIRMED: DATE _____

Maramena Vercoe, Chairperson

Minutes of the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group Meeting held in The Council Chamber, Rotorua Lakes Council, Civic Administration Building, 1061 Haupapa Street, Rotorua on Friday, 14 June 2019 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Independent

Chairman: Sir T Curtis

Deputy Chairman: Mayor S Chadwick (Rotorua Lakes Council)

Appointees:

Rotorua Lakes Council

Councillor K Hunt

Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Chairman D Leeder, Councillor K Winters

Te Arawa Lakes Trust

R Bennett

In Attendance:

Rotorua Lakes Council: Geoff Williams - Chief Executive

Bay of Plenty Regional Council - Toi Moana: Fiona McTavish - Chief Executive; Chris Ingle - General Manager, Integrated Catchments; Anna Grayling - Principal Advisor Rotorua Catchments; Nassah Steed - Team Leader Policy (Environmental); Jill Owen - Planner; Andy Bruere - Lakes Operations Manager; Ruth Keber - Marketing and Communications Advisor; Arash Alaeinia - Rotorua Catchments Advisor (Landowners); Merinda Pansegrouw - Committee Advisor

Te Arawa Lakes Trust: Nicki Douglas - Manager Environment

Apologies:

M Workman (Director of Water, Ministry for the Environment)

1 **Karakia**

Provided by Sir Toby Curtis.

2 **Apologies**

Resolved

That the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group:

1 **Accepts the apology from Martin Workman tendered at the meeting.**

**Chadwick/Hunt
CARRIED**

3 **Public Forum**

Nil

4 **Acceptance of Late Items**

Nil

5 **General Business**

With the agreement of members, the following item was added for consideration under general business:

- Update – Rotorua Lakes Incentive Scheme.

6 **Confidential Business to be transferred into the Open**

Nil

7 **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

Nil

8 **Previous Minutes**

8.1 **Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group Minutes - 05 April 2019**

Resolved

That the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group:

- 1 **Confirms the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group Minutes - 05 April 2019 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.**

**Chadwick/Winters
CARRIED**

9 **Presentations**

9.1 **Lake Tarawera Update/Water Management Area – Planned Plan Change 15 Update**

Members noted that the Government was expected to release the *Essential Freshwater* proposed policy changes package for public feedback in late July/August 2019. Since this would impact on proposed Plan Change 15, members agreed that the item be deferred to the next meeting of Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group scheduled for 27 September 2019.

10 Reports

10.1 Changing On-site Effluent Treatment Rules for Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes

Refer PowerPoint Presentations (Objective ID A3245867)

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Team Leader Policy (Environmental) Nassah Steed and Planner Jill Owen provided an overview of Draft Plan Change 14 (On-site Effluent Treatment - OSET) including implications for the catchments of the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes:

Key Points

- Background/overview of Plan Change 14 and the process to date
- Key principles
 - To protect lake water quality
 - To address public health risks
 - To consider individual lake characteristics
 - To follow a practical and pragmatic approach
- Key changes in Draft PC14
 - The requirement to upgrade an existing system to an AWTS+NR within 200 metres of a lake shore has been removed
 - Existing soak holes were to be prohibited and must be replaced with an appropriate land application system
 - Rules for communities where reticulation was planned, have been written as 'holding patterns' prior to reticulation
 - New rules for un-reticulated papakāinga developments, composting toilets and greywater discharges have been included
- Next steps
 - Continue considering comments received on Draft Plan Change 14
 - Further consultation with key stakeholders and affected communities to resolve issues, or provide an update of changes to be made to the OSET requirements
 - Working with the district and city councils to ensure the policies and rules were clear and appropriate. BOPRC would also work closely with Rotorua Lakes Council staff on a work programme for the affected communities
- PC 14 (OSET) and its Section 32 evaluation report would likely be publicly notified in late-2019.

Members' Comments

- Suggested that after conclusion of the Local Government Elections in October 2019, at the first meeting of the new triennium, for the benefit of new members joining the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group, an overview of all plan changes be provided.

Resolved

That the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group:

- 1 Receives the report, Changing On-site Effluent Treatment Rules for Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes.**

**Hunt/Winters
CARRIED**

10.2 Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme Status Report Update and 2019/2020 Annual Work Plan

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Lakes Operations Manager Andy Bruere presented the report updating the Committee on progress made with the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme.

Members' Comments:

- Noted that the next annual Target Trophic Level Index (TLI) results review report would be available by end of June 2019.

Item for TALT Follow-up:

- To facilitate further discussion on the impact of carbon farming and to provide a better understanding of the incentives on both a micro and macro level, a presentation by an expert in the field to be convened for the benefit of members as well as the wider community.

Item for Staff Follow-up

- To provide members with more information on the planned Science Evening with NIWA tentatively scheduled at the Rotorua Holiday Inn on Wednesday, 14 August 2019.

Minute Note

At the request of members, included herewith a link to satellite images providing live environmental data as obtained from monitoring buoys in the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes:

<http://monitoring.boprc.govt.nz/MonitoredSites/cgi-bin/hydwebserver.cgi/catchments/details?catchment=26>

Resolved

That the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group:

- 1 Receives the report, Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme Status Report Update and 2019/2020 Annual Work Plan;
- 2 Approves the 2019/2020 Annual Work Plan for the Programme, for submission to the Minister for the Environment.

Hunt/Chadwick
CARRIED

10.3 Rotorua Lakes Council Update Report to Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group - 14 June 2019

Rotorua Lakes Council Chief Executive Geoff Williams presented the report which provided an update on Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC) activities that related to lake water quality.

Key Points

- Rotomā/Rotoiti Sewerage Scheme
 - Construction of the wastewater treatment plant was nearing completion and commissioning was expected to start in June 2019

- Pipeline from Rotomā to the treatment plant had been completed. Installation of individual onsite installation would continue and it was expected that about 80% of properties would be connected at the start of plant commissioning
- Construction of the Rotoiti reticulation was ahead of the original schedule
- Rotorua Wastewater Treatment Plant
 - Further consultation with significant objectors continued
 - The Officers' Report and recommendations from both consenting authorities, BOPRC and RLC, was expected in mid-June 2019
- Tarawera Sewerage Scheme
 - The development of the Cultural Impact Assessment of all proposed sewerage servicing options continued
 - The Cultural Impact Assessment development was facilitated by the Te Arawa Lakes Trust with significant input from the relevant Iwi and Mana Whenua
- Rotorua Urban Area Comprehensive Stormwater Resource Consent: Resource Consent application had been put on hold by BOPRC.

Members' Comments:

- Noted that a report on Lake Rotoma/Rotoiti Wastewater Reticulation would be considered by the BOPRC at the Council meeting scheduled for 27 June 2019.

Resolved

That the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group:

- 1 Receives the report, Rotorua Lakes Council Update Report to Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group - 14 June 2019**

**Bennett/Chadwick
CARRIED**

10.4 Te Arawa Lakes Trust – Verbal Update

Te Arawa Lakes Trust (TALT) Environment Manager Nicki Douglas provided a verbal update and responded to questions.

Key Points

- Key focus of the final quarter for 2018/19 year had been to continue adding value to Te Arawa Lakes Programme on behalf of Te Arawa beneficiaries: This involved activity on Embedding Te Tūāpapa across the Programme, completing the Cultural Health Index project and seeking funding for ongoing project delivery across the Lakes, outside the existing Deed
- Funding
 - Letter had been sent to Minister Parker confirming that there was agreement in principle from the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group (RTALSG) for an allocation of funding to the Te Arawa Lakes Trust (TALT)
 - BOPRC and RLC have also written to Minister Parker in support for \$350,000 per annum of the existing Deed Fund to be allocated to TALT over the next 3 year period
 - A further letter had been sent from the Programme Partners to Minister Little (Minister for Treaty Negotiations) seeking a commitment to meet with the Partners to progress discussions that could lead to ensuring the durability of the Te Arawa Settlement Act beyond this three year funding commitment
 - The Ministry for the Environment was now working with the TALT to finalise a separate Deed that would support the ongoing contribution of Te Arawa to the

- Programme and to enable the Trust to fulfil its particular role to restore the mauri of the Lakes
- It was considered by TALT that this commitment by all parties reflected the genuine partnership that was envisaged at the enactment of the Te Arawa Lakes Settlement Act 2006
 - Embedding Te Tūāpapa into the Lakes Strategy programme to be achieved by delivering a series of wānanga with Regional Council staff on Te Tūāpapa to ensure that there was an understanding with the partner organisations on how to apply Te Tūāpapa within the programme and work across the Lakes
 - Sewerage and reticulation: TALT had undertaken the second phase of the Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA) for the Tarawera Sewerage Scheme. The draft CIA would be completed by June
 - Lakes structures and consents: TALT had completed three Cultural Mapping reports for the existing Lakes Structures. Currently undertaking Cultural Mapping for Lakes Tarawera, Okareka, Rerewhakaitu and Rotoiti
 - Okataina baseline survey – Taonga species: TALT and Ngati Tarawhai had been undertaking a research and monitoring project on taonga species in Lake Okataina. This was funded by Wai Ora. The project had had its final series of wānanga and monitoring and the final report had been submitted to Wai Ora
 - Catfish Volunteer Programme
 - Since the volunteer program was officially launched on 1 October 2018, volunteer numbers have grown steadily and now had over 300 volunteers comprised of lake side residents, Iwi, other community groups and students from 15 schools around Rotorua
 - The volunteer effort was making a significant contribution to the total catfish removed from the lakes with 4,500 catfish caught since trapping began in November 2018.

Resolved

That the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group:

- 1 Receives the verbal report from Te Arawa Lakes Trust.**

**Hunt/Winters
CARRIED**

10.5 Ministry for the Environment - Update Report

Item deferred to the next meeting scheduled for 27 September 2019.

10.6 Public Excluded Section

Resolved

Resolution to exclude the public

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific

grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General Subject of Matter to be Considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to this matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) LGOIMA 1987 for passing this resolution
Public Excluded Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group Minutes – 5 April 2019	Please refer to the relevant clause in the meeting minutes	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)

Chadwick/Leeder
CARRIED

10.7 Confidential Business to be Transferred into the Open

Nil

11 General Business

- **Update – Rotorua Lakes Incentive Scheme**

Cr Winters, in referring to the Lake Rotorua Incentives Committee meeting held on 12 June 2019, provided a verbal update on the recent activities of the committee.

Item for Staff Follow-up

- To include the following as a standing item on the agenda of Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group meetings: Update from the Rotorua Lakes Incentive Committee.

The meeting closed at 11:20 am.

Confirmed DATE

Independent Chairperson
Sir Toby Curtis

Minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee Meeting held in The Council Chamber, Rotorua Lakes Council, Civic Administration Building, 1061 Haupapa Street, Rotorua on Friday, 21 June 2019 commencing at 10.00 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: Mayor Greg Brownless - Tauranga City Council (TCC)

Appointees: Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC): Deputy Mayor Mike Williams (Alternate)
Whakatāne District Council (WDC): Deputy Mayor Judy Turner (Alternate)
Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC): Mayor Steve Chadwick
Ōpōtiki District Council (ODC): Councillor Shona Browne (Alternate)
Kawerau District Council (KDC): Deputy Mayor Faylene Tunui (Alternate)
Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC): Chairman Doug Leeder (Alternate)

In Attendance: Emergency Management Bay of Plenty (EMBOP): Clinton Naude - Director; Matthew Harrex - Manager, Planning & Development; Jono Meldrum - Manager Operational Readiness; Andrea Thompson - Personal Assistant
BOPRC: Fiona McTavish - Chief Executive; Merinda Pansegrouw - Committee Advisor
TCC: Marty Grenfell - Deputy Chair of Co-ordinating Executive Group (CEG) & Chief Executive
ODC: Gerard McCormack - Planning and Regulatory Group Manager
WBOPDC: Gary Allis - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Other: Bridget Vercoe - Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management; Malinda Meads - Emergency Management Consultant, Malinda Meads Consultancy; Peter Seager - Public Forum; Jane Pearson - Public Forum

Apologies: Mayor Garry Webber (WBOPDC); Deputy Chairperson Councillor David Love (BOPRC); Mayor John Forbes (ODC); Mayor Malcolm Campbell (KDC); Mayor Tony Bonne (WDC)

1 Apologies

Resolved

That the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

- 1 Accepts the apologies from Mayor G Webber, Councillor D Love, Mayor J Forbes, Mayor M Campbell and Mayor A Bonne tendered at the meeting.

**Chadwick/Leeder
CARRIED**

2 Public Forum

Peter Seager – Bay of Plenty New Zealand Response Teams

Tabled Document 1 - Letter from Peter Seager - Objective Reference A3274375

Tabled Document 2 - PowerPoint Presentation - Objective Reference A3277642

Key Points

- Referred to item 8.2 “Director Emergency Management Bay of Plenty Update” in particular “New Zealand Response Teams” (NZ-RT’s) under point 3 on page 28 of the agenda
- Matter related to Emergency Management Bay of Plenty currently leading discussions with the managers of New Zealand Response Teams 15 (Rotorua), 16 (Tauranga) and 17 (Whakatāne) to develop a new approach/model to deliver the required services
- Expressed concerns regarding the review and the potential impact on the future role of the three Bay of Plenty NZ-RT’s
- Suggested that the lessons learnt from the Christchurch earthquakes be taken on board
- Was concerned that taking a limited view on the role and utility of response teams could potentially have a significant impact on the ability to respond to events either locally or regionally
- Urged the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee (CDEMG) to express clearly and unequivocally its support for NZ-RT’s, to recognise and utilise the capabilities that they have and to push for a closer relationship with the emergency services, especially Fire and Emergency New Zealand.

Jane Pearson – Bay of Plenty New Zealand Response Teams

Key Points

- Attended in her capacity as a resident of Western Bay and long-time volunteer
- Enquired about CDEMG’s position on volunteer responders following the calling for the effective dismantling of the response teams (referred to page 28 of the agenda) and the subsequent loss of many years of experience and qualifications
- Questioned why CDEMG was reviewing NZ-RT’s given that the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management (MCDEM) claimed to be supportive of response teams and that the Civil Defence plans for Auckland, Hawkes Bay, Canterbury and the 2009-2019 Rotorua Plan all stated the vital importance of response team volunteers in the event of a disaster
- Gap analysis failed to acknowledge the role that response teams had played in many recent events, both regionally and nationally, where emergency services had relied upon response teams to cover gaps in their capacity
- Asked committee members whether they would be prepared to shoulder the responsibility/consequences of allowing the response teams to be disbanded with the resulting loss of invaluable skills and knowledge.
- Emphasised that emergency services did not have the same skill sets offered by response teams.

Response by Clinton Naude - Director Emergency Management Bay of Plenty:

- MCDEM was in the process of continuing to lead work in respect of establishing governance/structure arrangements for response teams in New Zealand at a

national level. Team Leaders from the respective response teams had been closely involved in the consultations with MCDEM

- Following consultation on proposed options relating to governance arrangements for NZ-RT's, the NZ Response Team Steering Group was currently considering submissions to inform the development of a detailed plan at a national level; this would be confirmed in partnership with all role-players such as New Zealand Police and Fire and Emergency New Zealand
- Confirmed that in the interim, the volunteer response teams remained a resource capability as registered with MCDEM.

Response by Bridget Vercoe - Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management

- Confirmed that MCDEM was currently consulting widely in respect of establishing governance arrangements and an appropriate national accreditation system for response teams' capabilities
- Confirmed that, as part of the MCDEM's work programme, the review of NZ-RT's was receiving due attention.

Clinton Naude - Director Emergency Management Bay of Plenty In Response to Questions

- Highlighted that currently no decision was being sought from CDEMG in terms of the NZ-RT's capability. As a next step, as part of the governance matters currently consulted on by MCDEM, operational matters/structures for NZ-RT's (such as reporting lines/budget sources) still needed to be refined.

Members' Comments

- It would be beneficial for territorial authority elected members to visit their respective response teams to obtain a better understanding of the services offered by NZ-RT's
- Expressed appreciation for the value added by the respective response teams.

3 **Acceptance of Late Items**

Nil

4 **General Business**

Nil

5 **Confidential Business to be Transferred into the Open**

Nil

6 **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

Nil

7 Previous Minutes

7.1 Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee Minutes - 22 March 2019

The Chair advised that the Minutes of the meeting of 22 March 2019 could not be confirmed as only one member was present who had attended the meeting and therefore this item would lie on the table for the following meeting.

8 Reports

8.1 Budget 2019 – Investment in National Emergency Management Agency - Letter received from the Minister of Civil Defence Hon Kris Faafoi

Director, Emergency Management Bay of Plenty Clinton Naude presented the report.

Members' Comments

- Further clarification was required in terms of where Disaster Relief Funding would fit into the proposed new National Emergency Management Agency. Suggested that a consistent and proactive approach be followed with the establishment of Disaster Relief Funds
- Noted that the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management (MCDEM) was currently planning to undertake work on the CDEM Plan with the view of reviewing the plan in 2020, with particular focus given to the financial support component
- With reference to Disaster Relief Funds/financial support, expressed support for a local approach with regional support as the most ideal option.

Item for Staff Follow-up

- Draft a letter on behalf of the CDEMG Joint Committee to MCDEM: (1) highlighting the importance of ensuring a consistent and proactive approach towards the establishment of Disaster Relief Funds, (2) requesting clarification on where Disaster Relief Funds would fit into the proposed National Emergency Management Agency, and (3) stating support/preference for a local approach with regional support.

Resolved

That the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

- 1 **Receives the report, "Budget 2019 – Investment in National Emergency Management Agency - Letter received from the Minister of Civil Defence Hon Kris Faafoi".**

**Williams/Brownless
CARRIED**

8.2 Director Emergency Management Bay of Plenty Update

Refer You Tube Video "Tsunami: Do you know what to do?" - Objective Reference linkA2004 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eC6cKFXkhvw>)

Director, Emergency Management Bay of Plenty Clinton Naude presented the report providing a high level summary of key developments and activities in the Civil Defence Emergency Management sector.

Key Points

- Following the 15 March 2019 Christchurch terrorist event, the Minister of Civil Defence had extended the timeframes for the amendments to the CDEM Act 2002 to fully capture and reflect the lessons which related to emergency management work. The intention was to produce a draft for consultation before the end of the year and to introduce the Bill in 2020
- Response and Recovery Leadership Programme - provided by Matatū Mataora Aotearoa - Response & Recovery Aotearoa New Zealand (RRANZ) and led by Massey University in strategic partnership with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, has been rolled out based on an “all hazards and all agencies” approach. All statutory roles of CDEM Controllers and CDEM Recovery Managers would be required to complete both tier 1 and 2 courses to gain accreditation
- Tsunami Public Education - a public education campaign had been planned for the end of this financial year and would focus on adjusting our approach regarding tsunami. The campaign would highlight that there were a number of natural warning signs to be aware of and that it was important to know how you would be alerted. The public education campaign had been scheduled from 14 June for two weeks over a range of media. (Refer You Tube Video “Tsunami: Do you know what to do?” - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eC6cKFXkhvw>).

Members' Comments

- The RRANZ Response and Recovery Leadership Capability Development Programme had received positive feedback from staff whom had attended the programme
- Members attended the Civil Defence Youth Ambassador Programme Camp in March 2019 and were encouraged by the increased level of awareness and interest in civil defence matters amongst students.

In response to Questions

- New Zealand Response Teams (NZRTs): results of the gap analysis (which focussed on current teams' capabilities) had indicated that certain services currently offered by the Bay of Plenty based NZRTs were no longer required while additional services not currently offered were required. Feedback in this regard had been received from emergency service partners. Dialogue in this regard would continue and ultimately be informed by the national framework still to be finalised by MCDEM.

Resolved

That the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Director Emergency Management Bay of Plenty Update.**

**Turner/Tunui
CARRIED**

8.3 Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Controller Appointments

Director, Emergency Management Bay of Plenty Clinton Naude presented the report.

Resolved

That the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Controller Appointments;
- 2 Rescinds the appointment of Barbara Dempsey as Local Controller for the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group, Whakatāne District, as defined under s27 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002.

Leeder/Chadwick
CARRIED

8.4 Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Recovery Manager Appointments

Director, Emergency Management Bay of Plenty Clinton Naude presented the report.

Resolved

That the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Recovery Manager Appointments;
- 2 Approves the appointments of Julian Reweti as Local Recovery Manager and Jacinda Lean as Alternate Local Recovery Manager for the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group, Tauranga City, as defined under s30 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002.
- 3 Approves the appointment of Aimee McGregor as Local Recovery Manager for the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group, Rotorua District, as defined under s30 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002.
- 4 Approves the rescindment of Barbara Dempsey as Local Recovery Manager for the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group, Whakatāne District, as defined under s30 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002.

Leeder/Chadwick
CARRIED

8.5 Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Partnership Agreement 2019

Refer Power Point Presentation Objective ID A3274066

Director, Emergency Management Bay of Plenty Clinton Naude and Emergency Management Consultant Melinda Meads presented the report on the draft Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Partnership Agreement 2019.

Key Presentation Points

- A review of Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) had been conducted in 2018
- The review detailed options and recommendations on the future state for the delivery of effective and efficient emergency management within the Bay of Plenty CDEM region. The review also recommended roles and responsibilities to carry out key functions and a model for delivery of CDEM in the Bay of Plenty Region
- Background to the review
- Approach and plan for the new agreement based on four components:
 - Head Agreement - key terms of a proposed agreement between parties
 - Schedule A - functions, roles and responsibilities for territorial authorities, Regional Council and EMBOP
 - Schedule B - CDEM legislation and other references of relevance
 - Schedule C - Revenue and Financial Statement
- Project approach and focus
- CDEM Roles & Responsibilities
 - New Bay of Plenty CDEM Group Partnership Agreement had been drafted with full collaboration, partnership and agreement of all Local Authority members and Emergency Management Bay of Plenty (EMBOP).
 - Agreement detailed roles and responsibilities for the delivery of CDEM in the Bay of Plenty and defined Group, Regional and Local delivery
- Future considerations
 - National Emergency Management System Reform
 - Legislative Amendments to the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act
 - National Civil Defence Emergency Management Policy and Direction
- Next Steps
 - Official signing of the agreement by all parties
 - Planning CDEM service delivery in the transition year 2019/2020
 - Review of Emergency Management Bay of Plenty for Group delivery
 - Planning by Bay of Plenty Regional Council for Regional delivery
 - Planning by member City/District Councils for Local delivery
 - Planning for implementation of full Bay of Plenty CDEM Group targeted rate in 2020/2021

In Response to Questions

- The 2019/2020 financial year would be a transition year in which the delivery of CDEM services under the current Bay of Plenty CDEM Group Agreement on Joint CDEM Services 2015 would need to transition to the Bay of Plenty CDEM Partnership Agreement 2019
- The Bay of Plenty CDEM Group budget for 2020/2021 would be fully funded through the CDEM Regional targeted rate
- The 2020/2021 budget was being developed and would be presented to a future meeting of the Bay of Plenty CDEM Group Joint Committee for approval.

Resolved

That the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Partnership Agreement 2019;**
- 2 Adopts the draft Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Partnership Agreement 2019.**

**Chadwick/Leeder
CARRIED**

8.6 Bay of Plenty CDEM Group Annual Plan 2019 - 2020

Director, Emergency Management Bay of Plenty Clinton Naude presented the report.

Key Points

- The Bay of Plenty CDEM Group Annual Plan 2019-2020 had evolved into an outcomes based document
- The new focus would be a 'line-of-sight' towards the objectives of the Group Plan, highlighting commitments across a 3-year horizon.
- The changes were part of implementing the recommendations of the recent Bay of Plenty CDEM Group service delivery review.
- The Plan was aspirational in content; the outputs and outcomes sought would challenge the CDEM Group to continue its improvement on how and what it delivered on behalf of its communities
- The Plan was based on the Long Term Plan/Budget for the 2019/20 financial period.

Resolved

That the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Bay of Plenty CDEM Group Annual Plan 2019-2020;**
- 2 Approves the Bay of Plenty CDEM Group Annual Plan 2019-2020.**

**Turner/Williams
CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 11:04 am.

Confirmed date

Mayor Greg Brownless - Chairperson
Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee

Minutes of Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Meeting held in The Council Chamber, Rotorua Lakes Council, Civic Administration Building, 1061 Haupapa Street, Rotorua on Friday, 28 June 2019 commencing at 10.30 a.m.

Present:

Deputy Chairman: Councillor Arapeta Tahana (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

Appointees: Dean Flavell – Chairman (Tapuika Iwi Authority Trust), Councillor Kevin Marsh (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), Councillor Steve Morris (Tauranga City Council), Councillor Jane Nees (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Maria Horne (Te Komiti Nui o Ngāti Whakaeue)

Alternate

Appointees: Councillor Matemoana McDonald (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Rawiri Kingi (Te Pumautanga a Te Arawa Trust), Geoff Rice (Tapuika Iwi Authority Trust)

In Attendance:

Bay of Plenty Regional Council: Pim de Monchy – Coastal Catchments Manager (Committee Champion), Jo Watts – Senior Planner (Water Policy), Graeme O'Rourke – Survey Team Leader, Katrina Knill – Communications Partner, Aleisha Mitchell – Consents Officer, Amanda Namana – Committee Advisor
Western Bay of Plenty District Council: Matt Leighton – Senior Policy Analyst
Other: Rereamanu Wihapi, Maru Tapsell, Elva Conroy - Conroy Donald Consultants, Ariell King – AECOM NZ Ltd, Barry Roderick – Chairman Kaituna Maketū Freshwater Futures Community Group

Apologies:

Piki Thomas (Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa), Rikihana Hancock (Te Tāhuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust), Nicki Douglas (Alternate, Te Tāhuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust), Nick Chater (Alternate, Rotorua Lakes Council/Lakes Community Board)

1 Opening Karakia

Rereamanu Wihapi opened the meeting with a karakia.

For the purpose of achieving a quorum, it was agreed by members that Deputy Chairperson Cr Tahana assume the Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2 Apologies

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 **Accepts the apologies from Piki Thomas, Rikihana Hancock, Nicki Douglas and Nick Chater tendered at the meeting.**

Flavell/Tahana
CARRIED

3 **Public Forum**

Nil

4 **Acceptance of Late Items**

Nil

5 **General Business**

- Verbal update by Maru Tapsell (Waitaha)

6 **Confidential Business to be Transferred into the Open**

Nil

7 **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

Nil

8 **Previous Minutes**

8.1 **Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Minutes - 03 May 2019**

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 **Confirms Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Minutes - 03 May 2019 as a true and correct record.**

Horne/Morris
CARRIED

9 **Reports**

9.1 **Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Draft Annual Report 2018/19**

Pim de Monchy – Coastal Catchments Manager presented the draft annual report for consideration and approval by the Authority.

Key Points

- To fulfil the requirements of clause 10 of Schedule 5 of the Tapuika Claims Settlement Act 2014 (the Act), an Annual Report must be prepared after the end of each financial year to describe the activities of the Authority for the financial year it covered and explain how the activities related to the Authority's purpose and functions

- Clause 11 of Schedule 5 the Act required the appointing organisations to review the performance of the Authority not later than one year after the Kaituna River document had been approved for the first time.

Points raised by Members

- Suggested bringing all the member organisations together annually for a meeting to share and connect, potentially as part of the Action Plan
- Each member was to take responsibility for bringing the final Annual Report to their organisation for review.

10.41 am - Cr McDonald **entered** the meeting.

Items for Staff Follow-up

- The following amendments to be implemented within a two week time period before finalising the 2018/19 Annual Report and releasing to appointing organisations for review:
 - Infographic to be included to make the chronology and highlights prior to approval of the River Document clearer – to be actioned by Bay of Plenty Regional Council Communications Team
 - Estimated costs of staff time involved from councils and iwi authorities to be added to provide an overview of the total level of support
 - A one month timeframe was decided to request response from appointing organisations
- Responses from each appointing organisation to be reported back to the next scheduled meeting of Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority (TMOk).
- Infographics were requested by members in all future Annual Reports, as well as a summary of the plan for the upcoming year to outline what could be expected in the following report.

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Draft Annual Report 2018/19;**
- 2 Approves the attached Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Annual Report 2018/19, subject to the inclusion of amendments as listed in the discussion under items for staff follow-up;**
- 3 Notes that the report will be distributed to appointing organisations.**

**Morris/Kingi
CARRIED**

9.2 **Action Plan - Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID: A3280638

Elva Conroy – Conroy and Donald Consultants provided members with an overview of the draft Kaituna Action Plan, potential implications for TMOk and next steps.

Key Points

- The brief for the Action Plan included giving life to the Kaituna River Document and ensuring all eight objectives and the multiple outcomes under these were met

- Through submissions received to the River Document, the River Document itself and iwi and hapū management plans, some guiding principles emerged which were helpful in identifying how the plan should be developed and how it needed to be implemented:
 - Integrated thinking and action – a holistic approach to improving the health of the Kaituna River
 - Collective action – working together to effect positive change
 - Collective enlightenment - sharing science, history, stories and data of the Kaituna River
 - Community empowerment – encouraging our communities to be leading the way with involvement in projects
- The tuna was chosen as a unique and overarching theme for the Action Plan
- The actions were inspired by tuna requirements to thrive: good water quality, good habitat and good passage through the water or connectivity
- Supporting actions were separate and overlapped the priority actions, occurring in the background to support implementation and monitoring
- Priority actions covered the next ten years and projects could be reviewed every 1-3 years to create flexibility
- Some of the actions could be carried out concurrently e.g. Sub-catchment Management Plan – Action 1, lowland drain improvements aligning with Action 4 and potential wetlands resulting from some of that work - Action 8
- Next steps included a feedback loop to submitters and confirmation of a suite of actions and projects
- A key implication for TMoK was the requirement of a dedicated resource to coordinate the implementation of the Plan and focus on connecting all the action items and the relevant communities
- The Draft Action Plan was to be made public with the ability to receive feedback via an online survey and workshop/drop-in sessions at various locations
- Feedback would be incorporated to refine and finalise the text of the Action Plan to be provided at the next TMoK meeting for consideration and approval.

In Response to Questions

- Developing a blue-green network plan was about looking at the Kaituna catchment in a more holistic, integrated way using spatial planning
- There were opportunities to modularise this by considering cycle ways, stormwater infrastructure location and not implementing the actions in isolation
- Risk had not yet been considered and would be included in the plan as risk assessments for the implementation of each action
- Current timeframes were ambitious and it would be prudent to adjust these to allow further time for sufficient engagement
- Further discussion was required around where funding could come from for actions which currently had no lead, funding or resources identified in the Plan. TMoK would need to prioritise future aspirational actions and secure funding either through council's Long Term Plan and Annual Plan processes or other sources such as the Tiaki Wai Fund.

Response from Coastal Catchments Manager

- Confirmed that a staff resource had been allocated to support TMoK with coordinating and implementing the Action Plan
- Outlined the process for Action Plan projects to be considered for funding by the Councils through their respective 2020/2021 Annual Plans (which would start late in 2019) and substantively through their next Long Term Plans for the period 2021-31, which were likely to be starting high level development within six months of the October 2019 local body elections. Noted that different funding cycles may apply to other agencies.

Points raised by Members

- Supported the collective approach and the guiding principles in the Action Plan
- Collaboration was important and gave power to the Action Plan
- A format for reporting back to the Authority could be considered to encompass all actions relevant to the river document vision and objectives being completed within the Kaituna River catchment, similar to that of the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group
- Determination was also needed in order to achieve success
- Resourcing requirements and funding were unclear so the funding status of each proposed action needed to be recorded in the plan (i.e. not funded, partially funded, fully funded, and by whom)
- Integrating the actions with other projects or work being carried out could assist in the management and implementation of some actions
- Supported exploring the farming of tuna
- Presenting the Action Plan to the Kaituna Maketū Freshwater Futures Community Group would be beneficial
- Members attending expos and conferences about freshwater/river management could be useful to gain ideas and develop as a co-governing body.

Amendments to the draft Action Plan

- The Action Plan name to be changed to 'Te Tini a Tuna'
- A whakatauki, with translation to be added beneath the name of the Action Plan
- The links to the River Document objectives to be made visually clear by adding a link to the table of actions showing the objective that each action related to
- A column to be added to indicate the funding status of each action as per member feedback above
- Another column added with a date for each action and what was achievable by that date (e.g. project funding sourced by...)
- Add an action to rejuvenate watercress populations.

Item for Staff Follow-up

- The next meeting scheduled for 30 August 2019 to be rescheduled to late September 2019 to allow sufficient time for engagement.

Resolved**That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:**

- 1 Receives the report, Action Plan - Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority.**

**Flavell/Horne
CARRIED**

9.3 **Adoption of the 2019/20 Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Budget**

Pim de Monchy – Coastal Catchments Manager and Jo Watts – Senior Planner (Water Policy) updated members on the current expenditure and financial status of TMoK.

Key Point

- Noted the significance of a financial strategy report being prepared for the next TMoK meeting, which would provide advice and options to allow the Authority to decide the most efficient future use of allocated funds and interest earned.

In Response to Questions

- Legal advice received had stipulated that the remainder of the Crown funding which was provided to create and approve the first river document could be used at the discretion of the Authority for the purpose and functions in the Act, as agreed to by the Authority
- Noted that Regional Council had initiated a review of how it supported co-governance entities and how it would ensure that a sustainable level of service be provided. The review was approximately half way through the six month process and TMoK could expect Council to report back at the conclusion.

Points raised by Members

- A conversation about financial strategy would be valuable and receiving clear information regarding potential use of funds was important
- Opportunities for funding sources needed to identified in TMoK's financial strategy
- An additional funding strategy was required for the Action Plan
- Identifying additional external funding opportunities would be useful.

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Adoption of the 2019/20 Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Budget;**
- 2 Notes the current balance of Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority funds;**
- 3 Adopts the 2019/20 Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Budget as outlined in the report, subject to the removal of \$20,000 allocated for the awa restoration and enhancement fund and \$10,000 for implementation of the Action Plan, pending consideration of the report about options for Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority's Financial Strategy and finalisation of the Action Plan.**

**Rice/Kingi
CARRIED**

9.4 **Order of Business**

With the agreement of members item 9.4 was deferred until later in the agenda to accommodate the arrival of presenters and item 9.6 was considered next, followed by item 9.5.

9.5 **Analysis of Consent and Compliance Activity in Te Maru o Kaituna Rohe**

Consents Officer Aleisha Mitchell presented the report and responded to questions. AECOM Consultant Ariell King provided a verbal update on how WBOPDC had incorporated TMoK feedback into the Eastern Catchment Management Plan, which accompanied the Comprehensive Stormwater Consent.

Key Points

- Outlined the current consent applications granted and being processed for the Kaituna catchment
- Highlighted specific changes that had been made to the Eastern Catchment Management Plan in response to feedback received from TMoK and that the resource consent application had been notified and was open for submissions until 10 July 2019
- The Eastern Catchment Management Plan would be updated every five years.

In Response to Questions

- Council was awaiting further information from AFFCO regarding an ecological survey and assessment of environmental effects to continue processing the application
- Confirmed that both Waitaha and Tapuika iwi had made submissions to the AFFCO application
- Clarified that the AFFCO consent application was for a renewal of their discharge.
- Submissions for the Pukepine application had closed on 31 March 2019 and the hearing was scheduled for 7th - 8th August 2019.

Point raised by Members

- It would be preferable to have an independent review of the environmental effects of the discharge into the Kaituna River.

Items for Staff Follow-up

- To provide a future report on the best way for TMOk to be notified of all resource consent applications which may have an effect on the awa and participate in resource consent and plan change processes
- To advise members as soon as the further information required from AFFCO had been received.

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Analysis of Consent and Compliance Activity in Te Maru o Kaituna Rohe;**
- 2 Directs staff to approach AFFCO and seek a presentation outlining what their resource consent applications for water take and discharge include, and any plans and timeframes they have to improve the quality of their discharges into the Kaituna River and to recognise and provide for the objectives of the Kaituna River Document.**

**Marsh/Nees
CARRIED**

9.6 Presentation: Ōkere Gates Consent Update

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID: A3269186 and video clip Objective ID: A1613532

Graeme O'Rourke – Survey Team Leader provided a verbal update on the Ōkere Gates and Ōhau Weir.

Key Points

- The depth of Lake Rotorua was an average of 10m, with a depth of 45m at the deepest point
- The recent serious flooding at Ngongotahā was a reaction of the tributaries
- The purpose of the diversion wall between the Ōkere Gates and the Ōhau Weir was purely for water quality of Lake Rotoiti
- Provided a short video to visualise the three stop logs being removed from the Ōhau Weir

- Lake Rotoiti had an average depth of 33m and was 94m at its deepest point. It also had the largest water volume, despite being less than half the size of Lake Rotorua
- Ōkere Gates and Ōhau Weir were built in the 1980's
- The primary function of Ōkere Gates was to maintain the water quality of Lake Rotoiti by discouraging mixing of the two lakes' waters, in addition they managed the lake level of Lake Rotoiti
- Full flow was 40 cumecs with Ōkere Gates fully opened. The gates were only fully closed during an emergency and for safety reasons
- There was no commercial rafting on the river for any flow above or below the range of 13-26 cumecs
- From the coast to the mountains there were rain gauges, lake level gauges, river water flow and water level gauges providing constant monitoring for which the data was publicly available.

In Response to Questions

- Trigger points for the stop logs were approximately mid-range of the consented minimum of 0.6m, though there was some discretion in the consent
- Current solutions were a short term fix as well as being expensive
- Stop banks were designed to consider the backwater effect – taking into account tides, wind and barometric pressure.

9.7 Freshwater policy update

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID: A3281277

Jo Watts - Senior Planner (Water Policy) provided a national and regional update on Freshwater policy.

Key Points from Presentation

- It was expected that Government would release the Essential Freshwater proposed policy changes package for public feedback by August 2019
- Appeals were still being worked through for Plan Change 9 (PC9)
- Plan Change 10 was a key part of improving water quality in lake Rotorua and an interim decision was pending from the Environment Court regarding first stage matters
- Plan Change 12 timeframes were dependent on changes at a national level, the outcome of PC9 appeals and PC9 progress on water quantity modelling
- Outlined water quality and ecology issues
- TMoK would be instrumental in ensuring the River Document was recognised and strongly provided for in upcoming plan changes
- Questioned whether there was a collective view from TMoK on incorporating Te Mana o te Wai into plan changes
- Kaituna Maketū Freshwater Futures Community Group held Workshop 10 on 29 May 2019 and confirmed that although good management practice was a good start, it would not be sufficient to achieve moderate ecological health in the Maketū estuary.

In Response to Questions

- Reductions of nutrients needed were similar for both Maketū and Waihi estuaries
- Innovative changes in land use would be needed to improve the health of the estuary and reduce social and economic impact on landowners. There was good work happening in the Lake Rotorua catchment exploring creative ways to use land which had low nutrient losses.

Points raised by Members

- The role of TMoK could be more collective in the near future, mapping all the different initiatives underway, identifying synergies and bringing the different groups, authorities and forums together
- Highlighting progress from work achieved was important.

Item for Staff Follow-up

- To provide a report to a future meeting updating members on the Kaituna catchment work programme.

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Freshwater policy update.**

**Morris/Tahana
CARRIED**

10 **Consideration of General Business**

Verbal update by Maru Tapsell (Waitaha)

Maru Tapsell provided a verbal update on the position of Waitaha in relation to the Kaituna Action Plan.

11 **Closing Karakia**

Provided by Rereamanu Wihapi.

The meeting closed at 1.18 pm.

Confirmed DATE

Dean Flavell – Chairman
Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority

Minutes of Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Meeting held at Whakaue Kaipapa Marae, 643 Maketū Road, Maketū Village on Friday, 3 May 2019 commencing at 10.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: Dean Flavell - Tapuika Iwi Authority Trust

Appointees: Councillor Steve Morris - Tauranga City Council, Maria Horne - Te Komiti Nui o Ngati Whakaue, Rikihana Hancock - Te Tāhuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust, Councillor Kevin Marsh - Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Alternate Appointees:

Councillor Matemoana McDonald - Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Geoff Rice - Tapuika Iwi Authority Trust, Rawiri Kingi - Te Pumautanga a Te Arawa Trust, Councillor John Scrimgeour - Western Bay of Plenty District Council

In Attendance:

Bay of Plenty Regional Council: Pim de Monchy – Coastal Catchments Manager (Committee Champion), Reuben Gardiner – Senior Planner (Water Policy), Clarke Koopu – Maori Policy Team Leader, Jo Watts – Senior Planner (Water Policy), Amanda Namana – Committee Advisor

Western Bay of Plenty District Council: Matthew Leighton – Senior Policy Analyst, Jodie Rickard – Senior Policy Analyst, Councillor Grant Dally

Tauranga City Council: Campbell Larking – Senior Project Manager (Urban Growth), Antoine Coffin – Te Onewa Consultants

Other: Elva Conroy - Conroy Donald Consultants, also as noted in attendance register *Objective ID: A3228779*

Apologies:

Councillor Jane Nees - Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Nicki Douglas – Alternate, Te Tāhuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust, Piki Thomas - Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa, Councillor Arapeta Tahana - Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Nick Chater – Alternate, Lakes Community Board, Councillor Tania Tapsell - Rotorua Lakes Council.

1 Opening Karakia

Manu Pene and Rereamanu Wihapi welcomed everyone and opened the proceedings with a karakia.

2 Apologies

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

Accepts the apologies from Councillor Jane Nees - Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Nicki Douglas – Alternate, Te Tāhuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust, Piki Thomas - Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa, Councillor Arapeta Tahana - Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Nick Chater – Alternate, Lakes Community Board, Councillor Tania Tapsell - Rotorua Lakes Council.

Morris/Marsh
CARRIED

3 Public Forum

Nil.

4 Acceptance of Late Items

Nil.

5 General Business

- Update: Outcome of the Lower Gorges of the Kaituna River Stakeholder Meeting and the subsequent decision released by the Harbourmaster.
- Update: Opportunity to establish a Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority (TMoK) Working Group to address funding/ resourcing, community projects, celebrations and administrative requirements.

6 Confidential Business to be Transferred into the Open

Nil.

7 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Nil.

8 Previous Minutes

8.1 Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Minutes - 22 March 2019

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Confirms Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Minutes - 22 March 2019 as a true and correct record.**

Horne/Flavell
CARRIED

9 **Presentation: Ngati Whakaue ki Maketu Hapū Management Plan**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID: A3140811

Maria Horne and Elva Conroy – Conroy and Donald Consultants provided an overview of the Ngati Whakaue ki Maketū Hapū Management Plan and discussed its relevance to TMoK and implementation of Kaituna, he taonga tuku iho – a treasure handed down.

Key Points

- This was the third Hapū Management Plan from Ngāti Whakaue, having achieved most of the actions from previous plans released in 2009 and 2011
- Different types of consultation had been undertaken including SurveyMonkey and kōrero with kaumatua
- This was a new and improved Plan that reflected the wairua of the original plan
- Aspirations included the environment and the people
- The intention of the new Plan was to influence regional and district council decisions, particularly policy development and plan changes for better outcomes and to help inform TMoK's Kaituna Action Plan
- The vision of the original Plan remained unchanged through its three iterations
- Noted the policies around natural hazards and climate change as well as specific policy areas which included Te Tumu/ Wairakei, and Maketū/Waihī
- Knowledge transfer and cultural heritage was identified as particularly important
- Outlined projects that could be implemented together with TMoK by incorporating them into the Kaituna Action Plan.

In Response to Questions

- Waihī Estuary was the correct name of the estuary, as opposed to 'Little Waihī Estuary'
- Exploring co-management or co-governance of Waihī Estuary, and many of the other projects in the Plan would require resourcing.

Points Raised by Members

- Chairman Flavell congratulated Ngati Whakaue ki Maketū for completion of their Hapū Management Plan, noted the work involved and the importance of updating it
- TMoK supported the Plan and Ngāti Whakaue's pursuit of a potential co-management or co-governance arrangement for Waihī Estuary, although this was outside of TMoK's co-governance area
- Queried whether co-management would be driven by Ngati Whakaue, community or Council
- The Hapū Management Plan projects highlighted where the interests were for Ngati Whakaue and enabled TMoK to help drive the promotion of these together with the hapū.

10 **Presentation: Tauranga City Council update on Te Tumu Urban Growth Area Planning**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID: A3222803

Campbell Larking - Tauranga City Council (TCC) and Antoine Coffin – Te Onewa Consultants on behalf of TCC provided an update about progress on the planning to date for Te Tumu Urban Growth Area and responded to questions.

Key Points

- Updated members on planning to date for the proposed urban growth area at Te Tumu
- Highlighted key issues, concerns and opportunities
- Storm water and water quality management were significant challenges
- TCC was undertaking the cultural management planning ahead of the plan change
- TCC had been engaging with Te Tumu Tangata Whenua Working Party on a four weekly basis for almost two years
- A Cultural Heritage Literature Review would be undertaken to inform and support the Te Tumu Structure Plan and plan change documentation
- The Cultural Management Plan would include areas adjacent to the Kaituna River
- A proposed method for building the cultural management framework was outlined which would include a brief, workshops, draft plan and implementation plan. The final plan could be expected within three to six years.

In Response to Questions

- Highlighted the capability of tangata whenua groups to participate in Te Tumu Tangata Whenua Working Party and also going forward
- The cultural management plan framework was underway and had a number of options to work through for the 10 iwi involved to reach a partnership arrangement
- 15,000 people were projected to be living in Te Tumu, with seven to eight thousand homes built over 30 years
- Land may be set aside by the Māori owned blocks for affordable housing
- Drinking water would be sourced from the Waiāri Stream and wastewater directed to Te Maunga Wastewater Treatment Plant. The majority of storm water would be treated on site with overflows to the Kaituna River
- LED street lighting was planned for with a lower level light spill than conventional street lighting to minimise the visual impact of the development
- Climate change and natural hazards had been factored in to the planning
- Consideration would be given to the following when designing building platforms and setback of the Te Tumu housing development:
 - the risk of tsunamis, storm surges and hundred year storms
 - coastal erosion and the protection of dune systems
 - expected rises in the groundwater table
- To address issues of traffic congestion and safe evacuation, more than one route out of Te Tumu was being planned for.

Points Raised by Members

- Serious weather events and big storms were happening more frequently
- Having clean and sufficient water in 30 years' time was a big concern
- There was an opportunity to align actions at Te Tumu with the desired outcomes of the Kaituna River Document and TCC agreed to liaise with TMOK's consultant drafting the Kaituna Action Plan, Elva Conroy.

Items for Follow-up:

- TCC to provide a further update later in the year.

11 Reports

11.1 Financial update: 2018/2019 Te Maru o Kaituna Budget

Jo Watts - Senior Planner (Water Policy) presented the report, outlining the following:

Key Points

- An interim financial update was provided noting the current balance of \$204,664.35
- Noted correction on page 28 of the agenda: The title for the table should read '12 April 2019', not '13 February'
- The 'Advertising (River Doc & Launch)' included printing the River Document and advertising for the Open Day.

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Financial update: 2018/2019 Te Maru o Kaituna Budget;
- 2 Notes the current balance of Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority funds;
- 3 Notes the expenditure to date relevant to the 2018/2019 Te Maru o Kaituna Budget.

Hancock/McDonald
CARRIED

11.2 Engagement of Independent Advice for Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the Regional Policy Statement

Jo Watts - Senior Planner (Water Policy) presented the report which had been refined after direction from the previous meeting to include a budget, tighter scope of work and focus on draft Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) only.

Key Points

- Three key stages for advice were identified:
 - Draft Proposed Change 5 and consultation material/ documents
 - Proposed Change 5 and section 32 evaluation
 - Advice/drafting of submission and further submission to Proposed Change 5.

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Engagement of Independent Advice for Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the Regional Policy Statement;
- 2 Approves the scope of work and process for procurement of a suitably qualified independent consultant to provide technical peer review, advice and

recommendations to Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority during the Change 5 (Kaituna River) process to update the Regional Policy Statement;

- 3 Appoints the following members to a Review Working Group: Dean Flavell, Maria Horne and Councillor Arapeta Tahana;**
- 4 Delegates authority to the Review Working Group to approve the final scope, procurement and engagement of the preferred advisor on behalf of the Authority;**
- 5 Approves a budget of up to \$10,000 + GST to cover the costs of the review and advice.**

**Marsh/Hancock
CARRIED**

11.3 Freshwater Policy Update

Jo Watts - Senior Planner (Water Policy) provided an update on work being undertaken to progress freshwater management policy, including work underway to support implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management relevant to the Kaituna River catchment.

Key Points

- Kaituna and Pongakawa-Waitahanui Freshwater Futures Community Group met on 26 March 2019 and were providing advice to staff to set specific freshwater limits for water quality and quantity. This was to implement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management in the Kaituna and to recognise and provide for the Kaituna River Document
- Proposed Plan Change 9 still had outstanding appeals being worked through
- Central government had a significant freshwater policy review underway and public consultation documents were expected to be released in July/August 2019
- Government policy changes could affect the timeframes for Plan Change 12, currently expected to be notified in 2020
- Plan Change 12 focused on setting specific water quality and quantity limits for the Kaituna and was particularly important due to having a direct bearing on the health of the river and Maketū Estuary.

In Response to Questions

- As Plan Change 12 work progressed, it was important to ensure matauranga māori was incorporated through iwi engagement
- A discussion document was being written about iwi values and interests. This documented the information received through iwi engagement to date and would be circulated to participating iwi shortly
- Bay of Plenty Regional Council was working with Zespri to put lycimeters underneath seven different orchards to assess groundwater for contaminant loads and results were likely to be made public in June 2019.

12.23 pm - Cr Marsh **withdrew** from the meeting.

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

1 Receives the report, Freshwater Policy Update

Flavell/Horne
CARRIED

12 General Business

- Chairman Dean Flavell updated members on the outcome of the Lower Gorges of the Kaituna River Stakeholder meeting and summarised the subsequent Harbourmaster decision released on 26 April 2019, whereby Pari Tūkino (known also as Gnarly Gorge) was closed to all vessels for six months to allow time for key stakeholders to explore options regarding safety.
- With the Kaituna re-diversion set to be completed at the end of 2019, it was suggested a TMoK Working Group be established to assist with sourcing funding, resourcing and working with community to hold a celebration for the opening of the re-diversion. Other co-governance groups and iwi were also to be invited - the achievement and work involved was cause for celebration and an opportunity to share experiences, learn from each other and commemorate the occasion.

13 Closing Karakia

Rereamanu Wihapi concluded the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 12.35 p.m.

Confirmed 28 June 2019

Dean Flavell

Chairperson – Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority

Minutes - Joint Committees

Minutes of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee Meeting held in Mataatua Room, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, 5 Quay Street, Whakatāne on Tuesday, 4 June 2019 commencing at 1.00 p.m.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor Bill Clark (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

Deputy Chairman: Deputy Mayor Lyn Riesterer (Opotiki District Council)

Appointees: Mayor John Forbes (Opotiki District Council), Mayor Malcolm Campbell (Kawerau District Council), Mayor Tony Bonne (Whakatāne District Council), Councillor David Sparks (Kawerau District Council), Deputy Mayor Judy Turner (Whakatāne District Council)

In Attendance: Bay of Plenty Regional Council: Chairman Doug Leeder, David Phizacklea – Regional Development Manager, Stephen Lamb – Environmental Strategy Manager, Tone Nerdrum-Smith – Committee Advisor

Whakatāne District Council (WDC): Stephanie O’Sullivan – Chief Executive

Ōpōtiki District Council (ODC): Aileen Lawrie – Chief Executive, Gerard McCormack - Planning and Regulatory Group Manager

Kawerau District Council (KDC): Russell George – Chief Executive Officer, Chris Jensen - Manager, Planning, Compliance and Capability

Others: Yvonne Parker – NZ Police, John Galbraith – Toi EDA Trustee

Apologies: Councillor Norm Bruning (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

1 Apologies

Resolved

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee:

- 1 Accepts the apology from Cr Bruning (Bay of Plenty Regional Council) tendered at the meeting.

Clark/Turner
CARRIED

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Acceptance of Late Items

Nil

4 General Business

Nil

5 Confidential Business to be Transferred into the Open

Nil

6 Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Nil

7 Previous Minutes

7.1 Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee Minutes - 05 March 2019

Resolved

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee:

- 1 Confirms the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee Minutes - 05 March 2019.

Campbell/Bonne
CARRIED

Matters Arising

The following points were raised regarding the upcoming delegation to China:

- Concerned regarding a lack of representation from the wider Bay of Plenty authorities.
- Recognised the importance of the regional kiwifruit industry; education and regional development in the relationship between Bay of Plenty and China.
- Represented a development opportunity for, in particular, the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

Reports

7.2 Next Steps for Eastern Bay - Beyond Today

David Phizacklea – Regional Development Manager BOPRC introduced Gerard McCormack - Planning and Regulatory Group Manager ODC and Chris Jensen - Manager, Planning, Compliance and Capability KDC who presented this item.

Key Points

- Provided an outline of the report.

- Eastern Bay – Beyond Today (EB-BT) sat underneath the Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan.
- Sought input from the Committee on the future direction of EB-BT and the four options set out in the report.

In Response to Questions

- BOPRC could commit resources towards a refresh (Option 2), which, if chosen, would reduce the pressure on the already stretched district councils' staff.

Key Points – Members

- The report identified a number of challenges relating to changing demographics and projected future growth.
- An update of the EB-BT was required, however the current Provincial Growth Fund focus meant Council staff's ability to accommodate additional responsibilities was limited.
- Important that a review considered all relevant Bay of Plenty plans and strategies in conjunction as they jointly contributed to national prioritisation.
- Queried whether the current Spatial Plan adequately reflected the desired integrated approach.
- The Regional Transport Committee should provide an avenue for integrated regional thinking at a strategic level, but this was not always the case.

Resolved

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Next Steps for Eastern Bay - Beyond Today.**
- 2 Agrees that a discussion of the initial draft of the refreshed document take place in December 2019 as part of the elected members' induction.**
- 3 Agrees that options to refresh information and sharpen Eastern Bay – Beyond Today be included for discussion at the first meeting of the newly established Joint Committee in 2020.**

**Riesterer/Bonne
CARRIED**

7.3 Update on Firearms Reform Programme – New Zealand Police

PowerPoint Presentation – Objective Reference A3245101

Yvonne Parker – NZ Police presented this item.

Key Points

- Outlined the current changes within NZ Police, which had resulted in a number of secondments in the region.
- There were a high number of firearms licences in the Bay of Plenty region.
- Outlined the challenges around return/surrender of firearms for owners and the Police.

Key Points – Presentation

- Firearms Reform Programme
- Why are we doing this?
- The Arms Act amendments

- Hand-in > collection > buy-back > transportation
- What the public can do right now
- What does this look like for EBOP/BOP?
- Resources available to you include:
 - [Police website](#)
 - [FAQs](#)
 - [Videos](#)
 - [Public Online Notification Form](#)

In Response to Questions

- All firearms licensees would be contacted directly by Police and social media/public notifications would be actively used to raise awareness of the programme.
- Face-to-face interaction with firearms licence applicants was a crucial aspect of licensee vetting.
- Police were increasingly encountering firearms and knives during call outs.
- Use and trade of methamphetamine had increased the risk for police and public servants accessing properties.

Key Points – Members

- Concerned regarding the overarching assumptions that those holding firearms, whether licenced or not, had access to the internet and could utilise this media for return or registering of firearms.
- Letters and telephone calls should be some of the options used to reach firearm holders.

Resolved

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee:

- 1 Receives the presentation, Update on Firearms Reform Programme – New Zealand Police.**

**Forbes/Campbell
CARRIED**

8 Standing Items

8.1 Toi EDA Update

PowerPoint Presentation – Objective Reference A3254921

John Galbraith – Toi EDA Trustee presented this item.

Key Points

- Toi EDA had appointed David Turner as the new Chairperson; Karl Gradon as the General Manager and Ian Morton as General Manager Operations.
- Driver and Operator Training recognised that freight movement was an integrated part of regional growth and development.
- Toi EDA worked with Toi Ohomai, AMS Group and Vertical Horizonz Ltd as training providers.
- There was a high demand for in-service training.
- Toi EDA would not be a training provider, rather it was facilitating the availability of the training through funding of facilities and pastoral care, etc.

8.2 Identification of Agenda Items for Next meeting

Items for the Next Agenda – 3 September 2019

- Housing developments
- Update from Karl and John – Toi EDA
- Treaty settlement update – invite OTS?
- Tertiary education/polytechnic update – central government intentions
- China trip update
- Three waters update.

2.30 pm – Chairman Leeder **withdrew** from the meeting (and re-entered in the Public Excluded section).

9 Public Excluded Section

Resolved

Resolution to exclude the public

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General Subject of Matter to be Considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to this matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) LGOIMA 1987 for passing this resolution
10.1 Public Excluded Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee Minutes EBOPJC - 5 March 2019	Refer the relevant minutes	Good reasons for withholding exists under section 48(1)
10.2 Ōpōtiki Harbour Development Project Update, including Rock Supply	To carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	Good reasons for withholding exists under section 48(1)

Bonne/Campbell
CARRIED

The meeting closed at 3.05 pm

Confirmed DATE

Cr Bill Clark - Chairperson
Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee

Reports

Receives Only – No Decisions



Report To: Regional Council

Meeting Date: 29 August 2019

Report From: Douglas Leeder, Council Chairman

Chairman's Report

Executive Summary

Since the preparation of the previous Chairman's Report (for the 1 August 2019 Council meeting) I have attended and participated in a number of meetings and engagements as Chairman on behalf of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

This report sets out those meetings and engagements and highlights key matters of interest that I wish to bring to Councillors' attention.

Recommendations

That the Regional Council:

- 1 Receives the report, Chairman's Report.**

1 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update Council on meetings and engagements I have attended and participated in as Chairman and to highlight key matters that will be of interest to Councillors.

The following section summarises these meetings and engagements. I will provide further detail at the meeting in response to any questions you may have.

2 Meetings and Engagements

Date	Meeting/Engagement	Comment
23 July	Regional Sector Water Subgroup Meeting with Minister David Parker – <i>Wellington</i>	Discussed Essential Freshwater proposals.

24 July	Opened the NZ Biosecurity Institute Conference / National Education and Training Seminar – <i>Tauranga</i>	Hosted by Bay of Plenty Regional Council, the theme for the conference was “He waka eke noa” – “all hands on deck”.
29 July	Meeting with Ministers Ron Mark – <i>Wellington</i>	Discussed Essential Freshwater proposals.
	Meeting with Minister Shane Jones – <i>Wellington</i>	Discussed Essential Freshwater proposals.
30 July	Meeting with Member of Parliament Mark Patterson - <i>Wellington</i>	Discussed Essential Freshwater proposals.
30 July	Meeting with Minister O'Connor– <i>Wellington</i>	Discussed Essential Freshwater proposals.
2 August	Regional Sector Teleconference – <i>Teleconference</i>	Discussed Essential Freshwater proposals.
12 August	Informal Meeting with Mayor Garry Webber – <i>Tauranga</i>	Discussed transport issues. Councillor Crosby also in attendance.
	Visit by Minister of Conservation, Eugenie Sage – <i>Mount Maunganui</i>	Met with Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Manaaki Kaimai Mamaku Forum. Councillors Nees, Bruning, Clark, Crosby, Love and Winters also in attendance.
	Provincial Growth Fund Announcement Event – <i>Mount Maunganui</i>	Regional Economic Development Minister, Shane Jones announced funding of \$980,000 towards the construction of Te Tomokanga, the Tauranga Cruise Gateway and Welcome Hub.
14 August	Science Evening with NIWA – <i>Rotorua</i>	Waikato University Professor Troy Baisden and NIWA Scientist Mary de Winton discussed their research on some of the Te Arawa Lakes.
16 August	Tauranga Moana Advisory Group – <i>Mount Maunganui</i>	Attended.

Doug Leeder
Chairman

for Council Chairman

15 August 2019

Receives Only – No Decisions



Report To: Regional Council
Meeting Date: 29 August 2019
Report From: Fiona McTavish, Chief Executive

Chief Executive's Report

Executive Summary

This report provides Council with an update on progressing council's strategic challenges and identifies the related Council papers in the agenda.

Recommendations

That the Regional Council:

- 1 Receives the report, Chief Executive's Report.

1 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a regular update on progressing council strategic challenges as well as identifying the related Council papers in this agenda. Specific complaints trend information is also provided.

2 Strategic Issues Update

Strategic Challenge	Update
Climate Change – Implications for our Natural Resources, our Communities and our Role	<p>There is also a separate Climate Change agenda item. An implementation process is being developed for Council's Climate Change Action Plan that was approved by the RDD Committee on 25 June 2019. Council has also been considering the place of climate change as potentially being a strategic priority for the next triennium.</p> <p>A number of workstreams are in progress including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of an adaptation position/strategy for Council• work on a "climate change fund" including internal staff workshops on options• an exploration of the "low carbon economy" concept for

Strategic Challenge	Update
	<p>application to Bay of Connections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the process to establish a Climate Change Group (including the development of its scope through a discussion forum) • updating climate change projections for the Bay of Plenty • initiated a survey of sectors across the region to identify the extent of greenhouse gas mitigation targets and activities already in place • introduction of a climate change section and guidance for Council reports (within the new InfoCouncil system). <p>Staff continue to build networks internally and externally to the region. Staff are currently engaging with Whakatāne District Council's <i>climate change principles</i> consultation exercise.</p> <p>Multiple opportunities are being accessed to consider new research (such as the recent DeepSouth seminar on coastal and inland flooding under climate change). There is a continuing flow of information and developing thinking and policy that staff are endeavouring to keep up-to-date with. For example, Auckland Council and Queensland District Council have both recently released climate change action plans for consultation, and Whakatāne District Council has issued a "principles" document. Staff are reviewing all this material.</p>
<p>Natural Resource - Limitations and Implications</p>	<p>Regional Council staff and Chair continue to provide advice to the Minister for the Environment and his officials. It is anticipated that the Minister will be announcing the freshwater package soon with the opportunity for Council to submit on these proposals. Government has also recently released draft National Policy Statements on highly productive land and urban development. These will be considered by Council at a forthcoming RDD workshop so that direction can be provided for BOPRC submissions on these national policy documents.</p>
<p>Transport Planning and Urban and Sub-Regional Growth</p>	<p>The final Foundation Report for the Urban Form and Transport Initiative (UFTI) was presented to the 21 August 2019 SmartGrowth Leadership Group meeting along with a revised Project Plan. An Interim report with analysis and testing of scenarios will be completed by the end of October 2019.</p> <p>The SmartGrowth partners are working together collaboratively on the near-term priorities outside of the UFTI project, looking for opportunities to unlock capacity for residential development. A ministerial delegation is proposing to go to Wellington in September.</p> <p>A draft Council submission on the Road to Zero Bill was submitted on 14 August, subject to approval at the 6 September 2019 Regional Transport Committee meeting. The Bill's vision is: a New Zealand where no one is killed or seriously injured in road crashes.</p>

Strategic Challenge	Update
Māori Engagement – Complex Landscape	<p>Tangata Whenua have requested support to fulfil conditions of the Rena Consent. At the time of writing this report, it was not clear on what the requested support is. Staff across council will work on this request.</p> <p>A meeting was held with Ngāi Tamahaua Hapū representatives on 21 August. The purpose of the meeting was to clarify the submissions made in relation to the two BOPRC gravel consents, to understand the concerns and explore options for the consent that may mitigate or alleviate those concerns.</p>
Regional Development – the Role that Council Plays	<p>The first meeting of the new Bay of Connections Leadership Group was held on 26 August. Andy Blair is the interim independent chair.</p> <p>A report on Bay of Connections 2.0 and regional economic development activity is included in the Council meeting agenda, including key achievements over the past 12 months.</p> <p>Regional priorities work is ongoing including linkages between spatial planning and regional economic development.</p>
Finances – Managing in a Strategic and Sustainable Manner	<p>Work is progressing on completing the Annual Report for approval by Council in September.</p> <p>We have implemented the majority of our approved Treasury management actions for 2019/20. This includes the establishment of the Toi Moana Fund and securing funding for our capital works programme to 30 June 2021 through the Local Government Funding Agency. Gross debt is \$190 million as approved through the Annual Plan 2019/20.</p>
Strategic Opportunity	Update
Development of Partnerships with Government, Iwi, and Industry to Deliver on our Outcomes	<p>Meetings continue with the Department of Internal Affairs regarding future opportunities to collaborate and potentially consider new funding and financing options.</p> <p>Bay of Plenty Regional CEOs have also started initial discussions on potential collaboration for the delivery of three waters with the focus being on the Eastern Bay of Plenty. A report will come to the September council meeting on these discussions and potential opportunities</p>

3 Regulatory Services Snapshot

3.1 Consents

- We received 66 applications in the first month of this financial year and have processed 59 internally. 2 of these applications were returned, and 0 withdrawn.

- 5 of the 66 new applications have been determined so far, all of which were within timeframe.
- A total of 47 applications have been approved so far this financial year (this includes applications lodged prior to the new financial year).
- We've received feedback from 10 applicants in this first month and 9 of those were satisfied/very satisfied.

3.2 Compliance

- We received a total of 275 service requests in the first month of this financial year, a 22% increase on last year. 61% of these calls were related to air quality which is down from 72% in 2017/18. A breakdown of the outcome of these requests includes:
 - 26% of the calls were substantiated (i.e. concerns/allegations were confirmed)
 - 51% of the calls were not substantiated (i.e. investigation confirmed no breach of rules)
 - 11% of the calls were unable to be substantiated (i.e. not enough evidence to substantiate, no site visit able to be conducted, etc.)
 - 12% of the calls were not related to Regional Council rules.
- 4 Abatement Notices were served in July. 1 was consent related and 3 related to service requests.
- Infringement Notices were issued, totalling \$3500 in fines. 1 was consent related and 4 related to service requests.

Fiona McTavish
Chief Executive

20 August 2019



Receives Only – No Decisions

Report To: Regional Council

Meeting Date: 29 August 2019

Report From: Namouta Poutasi, General Manager, Strategy & Science

Bay of Connections Update

Executive Summary

Bay of Connections underwent a review in 2018/19 with Council approving a refresh of its regional economic development framework following key stakeholder feedback and engagement. This paper provides an update on Bay of Connections 2.0 and economic development activity across the region, as well as key achievements over the last 12 months.

The new Bay of Connections Leadership Group has now been appointed following the Council meeting on 27 June 2019. The first meeting of this governance group will be held on 26 August 2019 in Tauranga.

Over the past 12 months regional economic development activity has continued across existing Bay of Connections sector and project plans. This includes work within the Aquaculture, Freight Logistics, Māori Economic Development and Geothermal sectors, and project work through the Eastern Bay Leadership Group and support of various provincial growth fund applications across the region.

Some of the key highlights include:

- Management and coordination of the review and reset of the Bay of Connections framework
- Completion and launch of Bay of Connections Visitor Economy Strategy
- Support of successful funding bids for the Rotorua Lakefront and Whakarewarewa Development Projects in Rotorua which received \$27.4 million in provincial growth funding in September, following an initial \$800,000 grant to develop business cases
- Support of Eastern Bay Regional Leadership Group, including specific support around the final strategy document and event management for Ministerial visit
- Hosting the annual Bay of Connections Forum attended by more than 150 people including Minister Shane Jones
- Sponsorship of Rotorua and Tauranga Chamber of Commerce Business Awards, and support of Bay of Plenty Export Awards
- Endorsement for a number of successful provincial growth fund applications from across the Bay of Plenty region

- Successful implementation of the three year Bay of Plenty Rugby Sevens strategy.

Recommendations

That the Regional Council:

- 1 Receives the report, Bay of Connections Update;**

1 Purpose of this report

The purpose of this report is to update Council on progress with Bay of Connections 2.0, provide a summary of key regional development activity across the region and highlight achievements from Bay of Connections (BOC) activities during 2018/19.

2 Background

The following information has been recently reported to Council in terms of the reset and review of BOC.

In mid-2018, Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) and BOC commissioned an independent review of the BOC regional growth development framework, including its purpose/objectives, focus areas and stakeholder engagement.

Council considered the review findings and recommendations at its November 2018 meeting. The review found it was time for a change to the regional economic development framework, and that a fresh start was required.

The BOC Governance Group provided feedback and recommendations to Council at its meeting on 13 December 2018, at which point a small working group was established to progress those recommendations, including further engagement with Councils, economic development agencies (EDAs) and business leaders across the region.

The Working Group, consisting of a sub-group of the BOC Governance Group - Andy Blair, Riri Ellis and Greg Simmonds, completed engagement across the region in February and March and developed a recommended regional economic development framework.

On 9 May 2019, Council approved this framework. The next steps were to appoint an independent chair and members for the new leadership group to support this framework, with Council approval for these appointments.

On 27 June 2019, Council considered and appointed the new BOC Leadership Group comprising Tim Hurdle, Tina Ngatai, Simon Clarke, James Hughes, Riri Ellis and Andy Blair. Council further appointed Andy Blair as Interim Chairperson for the BOC Leadership Group, with delegation provided to the General Manager Strategy & Science for future changes to the Leadership Group, including the appointment of up to two additional members as required.

3 Bay of Connections Update

The first BOC Leadership Group meeting will take place in Tauranga on Monday 26 August 2019.

The meeting will consider the forward direction for BOC including:

- Existing work that should continue to be supported, such as Regional Aquaculture Organisation and Freight Logistics Action Group
- The scope of priority focus areas which include Māori Economic Development, Low carbon/circular economy, Infrastructure and Workforce
- Agreeing 'Quick Win' projects that align with economic development activities already identified as priority 'needs' across sub-regions (for example, better collection of data to support BOP sub-regions, including a data analyst role for BOC).
- Developing a comprehensive stakeholder engagement plan – defining clear activities for an initial six month period

A copy of the draft Bay of Connections “The way we work” model is included in Appendix 1 for your information.

4 Economic Development – Sector updates

From the beginning, BOC and the people involved have sparked connectivity throughout the region. The previous BOC framework took a regional, collaborative, advocacy and communicative role, with a sector focus.

As we move into BOC 2.0, a certain level of activity has continued to occur under the previous framework. Below are the highlights from the four areas (Regional Aquaculture Organisation (RAO), Freight Logistics, Geothermal and Māori Economic Development) that have continued to progress throughout the review, reset and refresh of Bay of Connections.

4.1 Aquaculture (under the Regional Aquaculture Organisation)

The purpose of this group is to implement the Aquaculture Strategy. BOC funds an industry consultant to lead this group and support this work. This includes specialist scientific expertise, legal and business development advice, through to high level central government liaison at the political and staff levels.

The group have recently refreshed the Aquaculture Strategy. Some key outcomes for the past 12 months include:

- Prepared concept for Aquaculture Workshop in Bay of Plenty (deferred until 2020)
- six meetings in Tauranga (average attendance approximately 12 people per meeting)
- completed and approved report on Land Based marine hatchery opportunities in the Bay of Plenty
- completed a review of the Aquaculture Strategy for the Bay of Plenty and approved updated Strategy.

4.2 Freight Logistics

BOC continues to support the implementation of the BOC Freight Logistics Strategy. The Freight Logistics Action Group (FLAG) is a valuable industry voice that helps to drive this strategy. The group is led by a contracted co-ordinator (funded by BOC). The contract for this works ends on 30 June 2020.

Key highlights include:

- Driver & Operator Training and Career (DOTC) promotion
 - Regular consultation with industry regarding their needs, including surveys.
 - Working with ISK, Toi-EDA and training providers in successful Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) application for DOTC, open in Kawerau from 9 August 2019
 - FLAG stands at career expos across Rotorua, Edgecumbe and Tauranga
- A focus on productivity in logistics, between operator, industry and national levels
- Regional transport
 - Regional strategy, including rail and freight flows
 - Input to UFTI workshops and reporting

4.3 Geothermal

Bay of Connections supports the Geothermal Business Development Lead (BDL) who has been tasked with delivering the Bay of Connections (BOC) and Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Geothermal Action Plan outputs. The target of the BDL is to enable 300 direct and 100 indirect new jobs attributed to direct use geothermal projects by 2025. This role is jointly funded with MBIE.

The key outcomes include increased discussions between the geothermal sector and new potential investors, customers, industries and firms which could benefit from development and utilisation of geothermal heat. The expected result is economic development and creation of jobs for the geothermal sector and the region.

This contract started in November 2017 and ends January 2020. Some of the highlights to date include:

- Engaging with business and industries outside the geothermal sector
- Significant increase in project activity eg. Tuaropaki/Obayashi turning sod on the Hydrogen project 30/11/18.
- Key groups starting to pull together; increasing alignment around the geothermal direct use vision i.e. central government, operators, NZGA, economic development agencies etc.
- Three projects across the line by Nov 2019 (GEO40 Central Government investment announcement 8th July 2019), Rogue Bore Brewery (Taupo) announcement and Waiu (Kawerau) dairy project ready to go.
- Oji (Kawerau) boiler conversion to geothermal.
- IRENA report (2019) 'Accelerating geothermal heat adoption in the agri-food sector - Key lessons and recommendations'.

4.4 Māori Economic Development

He Mauri Ohooho (HMO) is the Bay of Plenty's Maori economic development strategy. It is governed by an advisory board who have considerable knowledge and contacts within the

Bay of Plenty Maori communities and industries. The board includes Dr Riri Ellis (Chair), Tamarapa Lloyd (Deputy Chair), Anthony Olsen, Te Horipo Karaitiana, Dr Tanira Kingi, Dr Maui Hudson, Kiriwaitangi Rei, Gina Rangi and Richard Jefferies. Recently Kiriwaitangi has been replaced by Kererua Savage.

In 2017 a Maori economic development role was formed with funding from Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Priority One and Te Puni Kokiri. Awhina Ngatuere was appointed to this role and leads implementation of HMO's strategy which was refreshed in 2018.

There are currently five strategic priorities which are in various stages of implementation:

1. Rangatahi Ora – mobilising the future workforce in the wider Bay of Plenty by creating awareness and pathways for young people to the opportunities in our region.
2. Whenua Ora – unlocking the potential of Māori land.
3. Tangata Ora – unlocking the potential of Māori communities in a holistic way.
4. Pakihi Ora – energising and connecting the Māori business networks in the wider Bay of Plenty.
5. The fifth is the points of intersection of the four priorities above, and its that integrated approach or systems thinking approach to navigate complexity that anchors HMO's modus operandi.

Recently the HMO Board progressed to the stage of formalising a vehicle for its purpose and have sought to make some structural changes as part of the evolution of its purpose or kaupapa and to position HMO for the future. This involves a more formal structure - the formation of Toi Kai Rawa Trust. Underpinned by a partnership approach, Toi Kai Rawa Trust aims to bring together complimentary eco-systems for the benefit of the wider Bay of Plenty and to provide platforms to strengthen regional economic development.

HMO believes that foundation partners approach illustrates a maturity where an established EDA (Priority One) and Regional Council work together with Toi Kai Rawa to achieve positive impact for the region.

5 Economic Development – Eastern Bay Of Plenty

Both BOC and Regional Council have supported the Eastern Bay of Plenty (EBOP) Leadership Group and Toi EDA, including the development of the joint EBOP regional development strategy, liaison with ministers and government agencies, and physical support of PGF applications.

An update of key economic development projects and activity for the Eastern Bay of Plenty was provided to the Bay of Plenty Triennial meeting on 19 July 2019. Key points include:

- The Toi EDA strategy had a refresh in June 2019 with three new board members appointed, a new interim chair (David Turner Sequal) and new General Managers in place (Ian Morton and Karl Gradon).
- A strategy is being prepared, highlighting areas of focus and key measures for Toi EDA
- Key clusters being progressed as areas of significant growth in the EBOP include early funding via the provincial growth fund to address some of the social and economic measures that are lagging behind the rest of New Zealand. Within each cluster , a number of key projects and activities are currently being progressed:
 - Opotiki harbour and aquaculture

- High value horticulture,
 - Whakatane CBD and tourism
 - Kawerau Pautauaki Industrial Area
- A Regional Growth Leadership Group (RGLG), led by MP Kiri Allen and Sir Michael Cullen is in place to help collaboratively deliver against these growth opportunities alongside iwi, industry and councils.
 - Toi EDA have been awarded \$600,000 to manage and run a Driver Operator Training Centre (DOTC) for two years. This is funded through MBIE, as part of the Provincial Growth Fund, and the facility is located in Kawerau. Toi EDA will manage the facility, and training service providers will run courses, such as supply chain logistics, driver licencing (moving from class 1 to Class 2), forklift driving and others which are key skills shortages for EBOP growth. This initiative is strongly supported by employers across the EBOP. An opening event took place on the 9 August, and the first courses are starting on the 19 August 2019.

6 Bay of Connections (BOC) achievements 2018/19

In 2018/19, our support of regional economic development has continued through the BOC. This work includes working with stakeholders to support the sustainable development of the region – socially, culturally, economically and environmentally.

Key activities over the past year have included:

- Completion and launch of the BOC Visitor Economy Strategy, an 18 month project and the first time the region had come together to develop a regional strategy in the tourism space.
- The management and coordination of the initial review – and resulting reset – of the BOC framework. This has been an extensive project, involving significant time and effort. It has included engaging with more than 250 stakeholders across the region, including local councils, economic development agencies, members of industry, Māori and central government.
- Support of successful funding bids for two Rotorua-based projects that had been identified in the BOC Visitor Economy Strategy. The Lakefront and Whakarewarewa Development Projects received \$27.4 million in Provincial Growth funding in September, following an initial \$800,000 grant to develop the business cases for both developments.
- Support of Eastern Bay Regional Leadership Group and its efforts to secure Provincial Growth Funding to advance key local priorities. In particular, the BOC provided support around the development of the final strategy document and event management around a significant regional visit by six Government Ministers and several MPs
- Hosting of the annual BOC Forum attended by more than 150 people with Minister Shane Jones, Fletcher Tabuteau and other MPs
- Sponsorship of Rotorua and Tauranga Chamber of Commerce Business Awards, and support of Bay of Plenty Export Awards

- Endorsement for a number of successful PGF applications from across the wider Bay of Plenty region, including:
 - Rotorua Big Moves Projects (above)
 - Taupo Airport Redevelopment
 - Murupara Workforce Development
 - Omanawa Hidden Gorge
 - Putauaki Trust's Stage 1 industrial development
- Successful implementation of three year Bay of Plenty Rugby Sevens strategy.

7 Budget Implications

7.1 Current Year Budget

The work of BOC 2.0 is planned under the Regional Economic Development in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028. The budget for 2019/20 is \$714,000, including employee costs. This figure excludes overheads.

There are no budget implications from this report.

7.2 Future Budget Implications

The new work programme will come from within the existing Economic Development activity budget in 2019/20.

8 Community Outcomes

Bay of Connections directly contributes to the 'A Vibrant Region' community outcome in the Council's Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

David Phizacklea
Regional Development Manager

for General Manager, Strategy & Science

20 August 2019

APPENDIX 1

Bay of Connections - 'The Way We Work' diagram



THE WAY WE WORK

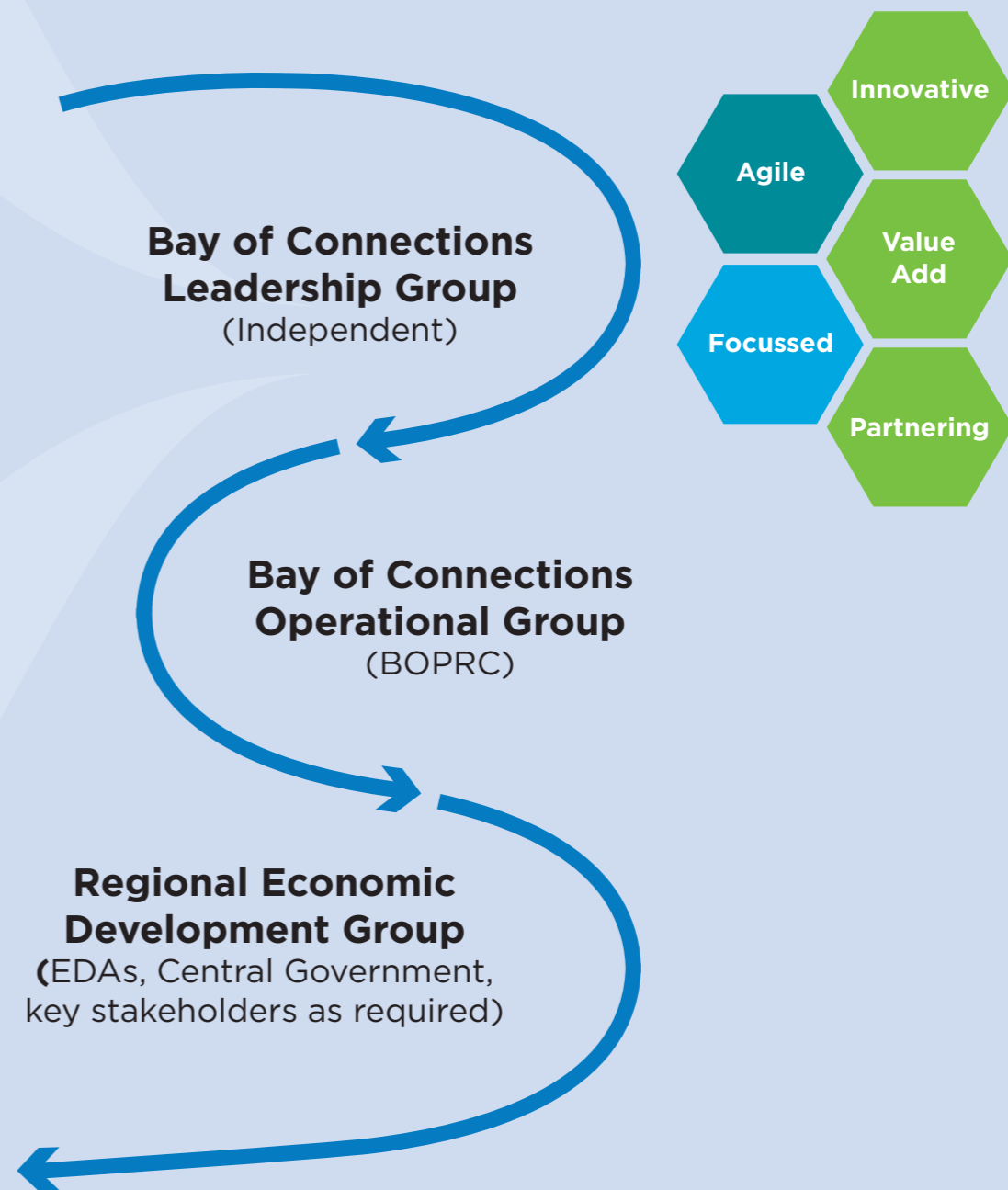
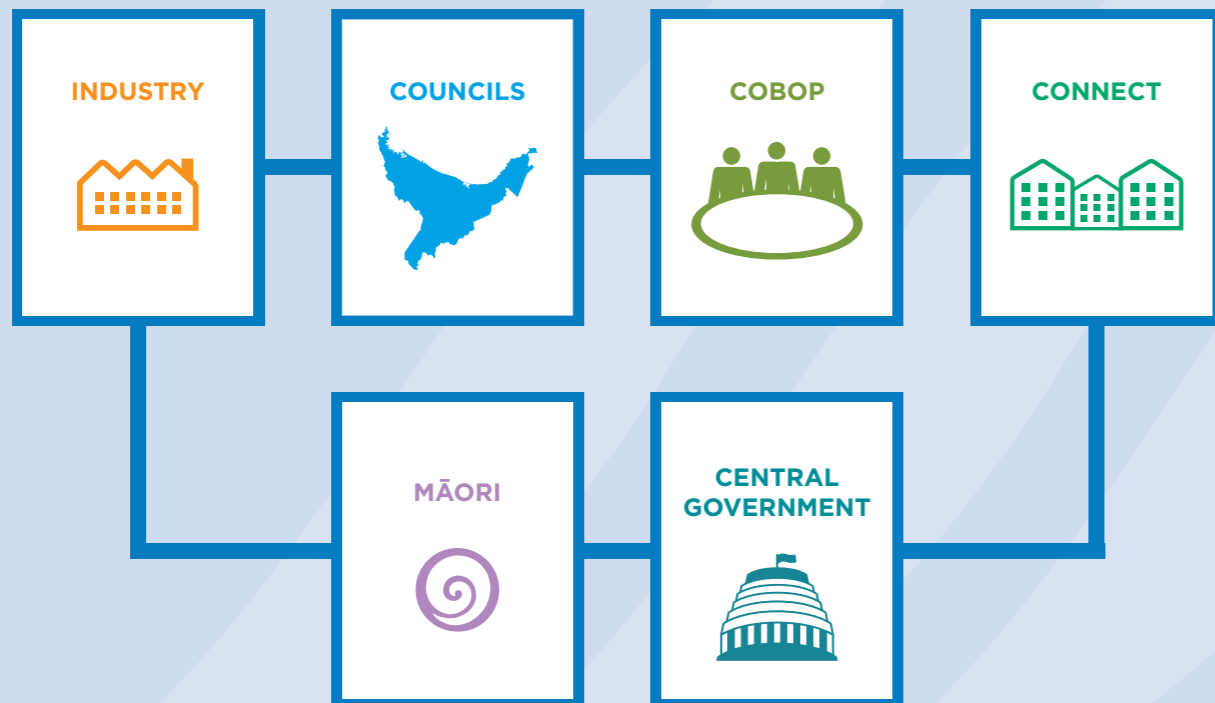
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Report From: Namouta Poutasi, General Manager, Strategy & Science

Climate Change Update (August 2019)

Executive Summary

This report provides an update on national level initiatives and outlines the progress made in climate change planning at the local level. It summarises progress on the delivery of Council's Climate Change Action Plan. Regular updates have been requested by Council to keep abreast of developments in the climate change environment.

Recommendations

That the Regional Council:

- 1 **Receives the report, Climate Change Update (August 2019);**

1 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on national policy and programme developments, significant climate change activities within Council, including progress on delivering actions within the Climate Change Action Plan and collaborative initiatives, as well as any emergent issues.

2 National Update

2.1 Central Government

- The **Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill** was released in May 2019 and is currently being considered by Select Committee (the Environment Committee). The Bill is expected to be introduced to Parliament in late 2019. Public submissions on the Bill closed on 16 July, with 10,130 public submissions received: BOPRC made a submission in support of the Bill but highlighting the need for greater role for and direction to local government. For example, national adaptation risk assessments and plans are required but there is no input specified from local government. This is in line with opinions expressed by others in local government, including SOLGM and

LGNZ. The Environment Committee has posted its schedule for hearings¹, with one scheduled in Tauranga on 6th September. Time and venue are still to be confirmed.

- The **Interim Climate Change Commission (ICCC)** released two reports on 16 July 2019, both of which focus on key areas for emissions reduction in the Bay of Plenty region:
 - **“Action on agricultural emissions”** which recommends a series of actions the Government should take to reduce emissions of the agricultural greenhouse gases, methane and nitrous oxide. This includes the proposal to bring agriculture into the NZ Emissions Trading Scheme from 2025 under a 95 per cent discount rate, which means farmers will only meet the cost of 5 per cent of their emissions.
 - **“Accelerated Electrification”** which proposes a series of actions the Government can take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, using renewable electricity to reduce transport and process heat emissions. A key recommendation is to prioritise accelerated electrification of transport and process heat over the goal of achieving 100% renewable electricity by 2035, whilst ensuring low income and rural communities have affordable electricity and low-emission transport options.
- **New Zealand’s Emissions Trading Scheme (NZETS)**: The Ministry for the Environment (MfE) released a discussion document ‘Action on agricultural emissions’ in July 2019, which considered the recommendations of the ICCC report and outlined proposed policies which aim to see on-farm emissions accounted for and priced by 2025. Agricultural emissions represent 47% of emissions for the Bay of Plenty, with the NZETS a key mechanism for delivering emissions reductions in our region. Current proposals provide farmers with a 95 per cent discount on emissions, in line with similar discounts for other industries. Consultation on the discussion document closed on 13 August 2019 and the findings will be incorporated into the Climate Change Response Amendment Bill process.
- **Provincial Growth Fund (PGF)**: As of 15 July 2019, Te Uru Rākau (Forestry New Zealand) reported that 110 million trees have been planted so far under the **One Billion Trees Programme** (funded through the PGF), with only 12% of these being native species. In order to boost this percentage, Scion was awarded an additional \$422,500 in July for research to ensure better durability of native seedlings. Minister Jones also announced Crown Forestry would invest \$5m into two joint ventures to convert 330ha of Rotorua and Taupō land to productive forests.
- **Productivity Commission** draft report on local government funding and financing is currently out for consultation (<https://www.productivity.govt.nz/inquiry-content/3819?stage=3>), with submissions closing on 29 August and final report due 30 November 2019. There is a specific section on adapting to climate change which recommends that central government takes the lead and creates a climate-resilience agency

¹ https://www.parliament.nz/en/get-involved/features/environment-committee-confirms-upcoming-zero-carbon-hearings/?fbclid=IwAR1goegP36YxOimhO2C81y1_mfXjJhtVjhik6olzfQlqpWu7f1R2K5Qhk

and associated fund to help at-risk councils redesign, and possibly relocate and rebuild, wastewater, stormwater and flood-protection infrastructure threatened by the impacts of climate change. Staff are in the process of preparing a BOPRC submission.

- The **Central/Local Government Partnerships (CLGP)** team within the Department of Internal Affairs includes a Community Resilience (including natural hazards and climate change adaptation) portfolio led by Paul Barker. The focus is on developing an all-of-government approach to strengthening community resilience. This work has drawn from the experience dealing with natural hazards working alongside local government in Kaikōura, Matatā in the Bay of Plenty and Franz Josef as well as the longer-term challenges of climate change adaptation. The work has entered a new phase to develop a joint work programme involving local government experts and leaders working closely with central government to come up with solutions.
- Central Government will be considering the implications of recently released **IPCC report on 'Climate Change and Land'** (released on 8 August). This report takes a comprehensive look at the interactions between land use and climate change. The report highlights how the climate crisis is putting land under additional pressure, damaging the ability of the land to sustain humanity, with cascading risks becoming increasingly severe as global temperatures rise. Poor land use is also behind almost a quarter of the planet's greenhouse gas emissions – the destruction of forests, huge cattle herds and overuse of chemical fertilisers being key factors. The research will be a key scientific input into forthcoming climate and environment negotiations, including the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference (COP25) in Santiago, Chile, in December.

2.2 Local Government

- **Climate emergency declaration:** A total number of 13 New Zealand councils have now declared a climate emergency (Auckland, Canterbury, Christchurch, Dunedin, Hawkes Bay, Hutt City, Kāpiti Coast, Nelson, Porirua, Queenstown, Wellington and Whangārei). Globally (as of 7 August) there are now 935 jurisdictions across 13 countries which have declared a climate emergency - this is a 50% increase in jurisdictions declaring over the last two months.
- Two other councils have released climate action documents:
 - **Auckland Council** launched their Climate Action Framework, Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri on 19 July. Submissions closed on 6 September <https://ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/articles/news/2019/07/public-consultation-on-acaf-opens/>
 - **Queenstown District Council** is consulting on their draft climate action plan: <https://www.qldc.govt.nz/your-council/your-views/draft-climate-action-plan/>
- The **Upper North Island Strategic Alliance (UNISA)** Chief Executives approved a proposal to form a Climate Change Technical Officers Group at their meeting on 9 August. The purpose of the group is to investigate, identify and advise the UNISA Chief Executives on collaborative climate change actions or projects that would be of benefit to UNISA. This will cover adaptation and mitigation aspects. The aim is also to share case studies and information.

2.3 Bay of Plenty Territorial Authorities

Staff from the local authorities in the Bay of Plenty continue to meet regularly to share ideas and updates on action planning progress and identify opportunities for working together

- Whakatāne District Council is consulting on their draft 'climate change principles'², which are based on the seven principles contained within the Local Government Leader's Climate Change Declaration. Consultation is open until 30 August 2019.
- Western Bay of Plenty District Council adopted their draft Environmental Strategy in May 2019. This will form part of their pre-engagement for the 2021-2013 Long Term Plan (LTP) and a final version will be adopted as part of this LTP.

3 Regional Council activities

3.1 Working with others

- **Collaboration Bay of Plenty (COBOP):** Following the review of COBOP, the Steering Group proposed to the Bay of Plenty Chief Executive and Mayoral Forum (BOP Triennial) in July 2019 to realise and commit to the existing value and functions of COBOP. The rationale behind this is to strengthen relationships between DHBs, local and central government key leaders in the region from a committed local government base. The proposal was positively received by the Triennial and they resolved to extend the Triennial meeting to include the COBOP forum with central government agencies and DHBs.
- At the **CONNECT BOP** meeting on 9 July, the regional Chambers of Commerce presented on their joint project 'The Nature of Business - BayForward', which aims to explore the opportunities and environmental solutions for businesses around climate change.
- A '**Circular Experiment**', based on a model developed in Australia³ is planned to be held at Scion, launching in Rotorua in the second half of 2019. Staff have been involved in initial discussions.
- **Bay of Connections (BOC):** staff are exploring what a 'low carbon, circular economy' for the region might look like, to inform the "new" regional development framework for BOC.
- **Sustainable Procurement:** BOPLASS co-ordinated a meeting of local authority staff in July to discuss the next steps in developing a sustainable procurement approach. There was broad support for working together to identify a suitable process that could be shared across councils. Staff will be attending an MBIE workshop in Hamilton in September on the new Government procurement rules, which includes sustainable procurement as part of their focus on 'Broader Outcomes'.

² <https://www.whakatane.govt.nz/contact-us/have-your-say/draft-climate-change-principles>

³ <https://www.coreo.com.au/>

- Staff have been meeting with various interest groups, including the Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group, providing information on BOPRC climate change actions and listening to their concerns.
- Staff have been working in partnership with Scion and Sustainable Business Solutions on organising an Environmental Women's Conference in Rotorua, with a focus on Indigenous Women and the Environment.
- **Urban Forum and Transport Initiative (UFTI)**; work on the 'constraints/considerations mapping' work stream (formerly the sustainable environment workstream) is progressing. This work will define constraints assessment criteria against which different urban form and transport programmes can be evaluated. It will also include constraints and longer-term environmental outcomes such as CO₂ emissions to support UFTI in planning and delivering low emission land transport solutions.

3.2 Climate Change Action Plan

The Climate Change Action Plan was adopted at 25 June Regional Direction and Delivery Committee meeting. The Action Plan builds on the significant amount of work that is carried out across Council in relation to climate change, which is captured in our 'climate change stocktake'. Examples of current work that involves climate change include:

- BOPRC commissioned a joint Coastal Hazards Study for Tauranga Harbour with Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council. The study mapped areas of land susceptible to coastal erosion and storm surge inundation including potential sea level rise over the next 100 years. The coastal erosion results were released on 29 April 2019 and the coastal inundation results are due to be released in late August 2019.
- BOPRC has commissioned the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) to update their 2011 climate change report for the region, taking into account the updated projections contained in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Report (AR5), published in 2014. A final report from NIWA is expected in September 2019.
- Climate change considerations are incorporated into all BOPRC River Scheme Capacity Reviews (10 yearly) to ensure that our schemes are effectively future-proofed for predicted climate change impacts for the following 10 years.
- The River Scheme Sustainability Project assesses the best way to manage BOPRC's main river schemes going into the future while investigating the effects of climate change as part of the future viability of the river schemes and is exploring other alternatives to the current structural infrastructure solution

Staff are focused on building an implementation plan for the Action Plan with a view to embedding actions in organisational processes and systems. The emphasis of this work is on the actions and pathways that are identified as priorities. Current work includes:

- Publication of the plan on our website, incorporating Te Reo;
- Setting up a number of working groups around the 12 action plan goals and building a network of 'low-carbon champions' throughout the organisation;

- Refining the guidance to support the mandatory climate change section in the Council report template (InfoCouncil), to be implemented in the new triennium;
- Developing an internal and external communications strategy, including a detailed brief for the Regional Climate Change website;
- Investigating options and potential partners for the Climate Change Forum;
- Tonkin and Taylor have been commissioned to undertake a survey of sectors across the region to establish what greenhouse gas mitigation actions and targets are already in place;
- Understanding the linkages with He Korowai Mātauranga and how to incorporate Mātauranga Māori into our climate change actions.

3.3 Climate Change Fund

Staff have been requested to start exploring the establishment of a climate change fund. There are significant technical, administrative and political challenges involved in funding climate change response. This is due to the scale of the problem, and the range of uncertainties and actors involved and it will be important to take sufficient time to consider all relevant factors before making a decision on the nature and purpose of the fund.

A national climate change framework is emerging under the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill (the Bill) along with a range of other initiatives. However, the role of local government within this framework remains unclear.

Accordingly, staff consider that the most appropriate way to establish the fund is through the Long Term Plan 2021-31 process. This would allow sufficient time to:

- thoroughly consider the fund's principles (e.g. long-term solutions rather than short term problems, resulting in fair and equitable outcomes and specifics (e.g. adaptation or mitigation, scale and timeframes);
- provide opportunities for meaningful community (including Māori) input; and
- have some additional clarity on the role of local government (relative to other players).

Early in the new triennium, staff will seek direction from the new Council on the fund's establishment process, its principles and specifics.

4 Other Activities

- Joint public release (TCC, WBOPDC, BOPRC) of the **Coastal Inundation Assessment for Tauranga Harbour** is planned for 19 August 2019. Staff are working alongside TCC and WBOPDC to hold public drop in sessions during September to support the community understand how the information affects them.
- **Sea-level rise viewer:** staff are continuing to work with Waikato Regional Council and Environment Canterbury and the GIS coding development for the

viewer now complete. The aim is to configure the viewer for the Bay of Plenty by October.

- Development of the Community Adaptation Engagement Strategy and Action Plan is in progress. Staff have been working with local iwi, including the Te Arawa Climate Group, around building a community education program to enhance awareness and support the adaptation process.
- **National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA)** has prepared a draft climate change report for BOPRC, as an update to their 2011 climate change report for the region. The revisions take into account the updated projections contained in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Report (AR5), published in 2014. The draft is being discussed internally and a final report from NIWA is expected in September 2019.
- **One Billion Trees** applications: The combined regional council bid (representing all regional councils) effectively failed when negotiations between Te Uru Rakau (TUR) and regional councils (represented by members of the Resource Managers Group SIG and subsidiary Land Managers Group) were unable to reach a position acceptable to all parties. It is now up to individual Councils to decide how to approach the fund. BOPRC staff have since submitted a partnership application which requested 'accreditation' or similar, so that BOPRC could include MPI / TUR co-funding into our Environmental Programmes with landowners, subject to a clear audit process and submitting requisite files and evidence to the Ministry. This bid is still in the process of being considered; the latest signals are positive but a decision is unlikely be in time to get any extra trees in the ground this winter.
- Staff have attended a number of workshops including a joint Ministry for Primary Industries/ Sustainable Business Network 'Sustainable Food Waste' workshop, a Biophilic Summit hosted by Toi Te Ora Public Health and a Deep South seminar on the impacts of climate change on flooding - both coastal and inland.

5 Community Outcomes

This project directly contributes to the 'A healthy environment' and 'Safe and resilient communities' Community Outcomes in the Council's Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

Jane Palmer
Senior Planner Climate Change

for General Manager, Strategy & Science

20 August 2019



Receives Only – No Decisions

Report To: Regional Council

Meeting Date: 29 August 2019

Report From: Namouta Poutasi, General Manager, Strategy & Science

Awatarariki Fanhead Update: Proposed Plan Change and the Managed Retreat Process

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to update the Council on developments in the Proposed Change 17 to the Regional Natural Resources Plan and the Managed Retreat process.

The two approaches to reducing the debris flow risk at Awatarariki, regional and district plan changes and facilitated managed retreat, are progressing in tandem.

The hearing of submissions on the plan changes is being delayed while land owners consider offers to purchase their properties.

The Regional Council earlier made an in-principle decision to provide up to \$5 million to the shared funding arrangement, subject to the outcome of the proposed plan changes. The Regional Council funding will need to be confirmed through formal budget processes.

Recommendations

That the Regional Council:

- 1 Receives the report, Awatarariki Fanhead Update: Proposed Plan Change and the Managed Retreat Process.**

1 Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to update the Council on developments in the Proposed Change 17 to the Regional Natural Resources Plan and the Managed Retreat process.

2 Background

2.1 Proposed Plan Change 17

At its 20 February 2018 meeting, the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee accepted a request from Whakatāne District Council for a change to the Regional

Natural Resources Plan. The objective of the change is avoidance or mitigation of debris flow hazard by managing risk for people's safety on the Awatarariki fanhead at Matatā. Both Plan Changes have been prepared in accordance with the policy framework outlined in the Regional Policy Statement to recognise and address the significant risk from debris flow hazards that has been identified to loss of life, and damage to buildings and structures. The regional plan change is aligned with a change to the Whakatāne District Plan. Both proposed changes have been publicly notified and submissions have been received.

At its 25 June 2019 meeting, the Committee delegated decision making about the establishment of a hearing panel to the Chief Executive, and delegated the authority to hear and decide on submissions to the panel established by the Chief Executive. To facilitate a combined hearing of both the regional and district plan changes, Whakatāne District Council has similar delegations in place.

2.2 Awatarariki 'Managed Retreat'

The Whakatāne District Council and the Crown have made a joint commitment of \$10 million to allow the owners of the 34 Awatarariki properties on the Awatarariki fanhead in Matatā to consider offers from the District Council to purchase their properties at market value, without the hazard or proposed change in zoning.

At its 21 March 2019 meeting, Bay of Plenty Regional Council made an in-principle decision to provide up to \$5 million to the shared funding arrangement, subject to the outcome of proposed changes to the Regional Natural Resources Plan (requested by Whakatāne District Council) and the Whakatāne District Plan currently in progress. The proposed changes were publicly notified in June last year. Regional Council funding will need to be confirmed through formal budget processes. The minute of that decision, see Appendix, has been released in response to a request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

3 Integrating the two processes

Whakatāne District Council is currently implementing the 'Managed Retreat' buy-out programme which has been offered to all eligible property owners on an individual basis.

As this is a very difficult time for the affected residents Whakatāne District Council is providing a community support package that will offer practical assistance to all affected property owners as they consider the retreat offer and during the process of purchase and relocation. The package will consider the provision of services such as financial and legal advice, and is supported by the appointment of navigators who will facilitate the process.

In response to recent requests for additional time due to the managed retreat buy-out programme, the two councils are delaying the plan change hearing to allow the managed retreat process to progress. The proposed date of the combined hearing for the plan changes to the Whakatāne District Council's District Plan and Bay of Plenty Regional Council's Regional Natural Resources Plan is now 2–6 March 2020.

Submitters will be advised of the new hearing date when finalised.

4 Next steps

Arrangements for the combined hearing are underway.

The appointment of the independent commissioners for the Independent Hearing Panel is underway. The independent commissioners will decide on the plan changes and any alterations required. Decisions would then be followed by an appeal period and potentially an Environment Court hearing if necessary.

5 Budget Implications

5.1 Current Year Budget

The delay in the timing of the hearings is unlikely to have any impact on the current year's budget expenditure.

5.2 Future Budget Implications

The Council will need to consider providing for the in-principle share of the managed retreat funding in the Annual Plan 2020/21, assuming the conditions of this funding are met. The budget of \$5 million would need to be funded through reserves or borrowings, and is intended to be repaid through a new region-wide targeted rate under the Regional Infrastructure Activity. Using a 10 year repayment period, this would result in a targeted rate of approximately \$5 per property per annum.

Full analysis of funding options, and consultation requirements, will be presented as part of issues papers for the Annual Plan 2020/21.

6 Community Outcomes

This item directly contributes to the Safe and Resilient Communities Community Outcome in the Council's Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

Julie Bevan
Policy & Planning Manager

for General Manager, Strategy & Science

20 August 2019

APPENDIX 1

Regional Council Minute - 21 March 2019 Awatarariki Fanhead Managed Retreat

3.2 Awatarariki Fanhead Managed Retreat

Resolved

That the Regional Council:

- 1** Receives the report, Awatarariki Fanhead Managed Retreat;
- 2** That Council makes an in-principle decision to provide up to \$5 million towards the Awatarariki Fanhead managed retreat, subject to:
 - a)** Whakatāne District Council and Government formally approving funding that is at least equal to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council funding allocation.
 - b)** Council completing any legislative requirements in relation to a full funding decision, which may include public consultation.
 - c)** A full funding decision will be subject to standard Council conditions and any conditions deemed appropriate at the time and subject to the outcome of District Plan Change and Regional Natural Resources Plan Change currently in progress.

**Crosby/Nees
CARRIED**

Receives Only – No Decisions



Report To: Regional Council

Meeting Date: 29 August 2019

Report From: Mat Taylor, General Manager, Corporate

Councillor Expenditure July 2018 to June 2019

Executive Summary

This report presents Councillors' Expenditure for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

Recommendations

That the Regional Council:

- 1 Receives the report, Councillor Expenditure July 2018 to June 2019;**

1 Compliance with relevant legislation and policies

The Remuneration Authority is required to determine the remuneration, allowances, and expenses of elected members of local authorities under clause 6, schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 and the Remuneration Authority Act 1977.

Council is then required to develop policies to provide guidance on Councillor allowances and expenses while working within the rates and thresholds set by the Remuneration Authority.

Councillors' expenditure and allowances is managed under the Elected and Appointed Members' Allowances and Recovery of Expenses Policy. This sets out the rules and guidelines for councillors when claiming recovery of allowances and expenses.

2 Expenditure Summary

For the 2018/19 financial year, a professional development amount of \$3,500 was allocated to each Councillor, with requests to attend courses or conferences jointly approved by the Chairman and the Chief Executive. Expenditure includes course or conference registration and associated travel, accommodation and incidentals.

There are times when the Chairman or Councillor is required to attend an event, course or conference on behalf of the Council or holds a representative role on LGNZ. These require prior joint approval from the Chairman and Chief Executive or in the

case of the Chairman – the Deputy Chair and the Chief Executive. Expenditure includes event, course or conference registration and associated travel, accommodation and incidentals.

Councillor expenditure also includes normal council/committee business and meeting mileage and expenses as per the Remuneration Authority Guidelines and BOPRC related policy referred to earlier.

All councillor expenditure for the 2018/19 financial year, as shown in the 2018/19 Councillors Expenditure Summary Appendix 1, was reviewed and approved on a monthly basis. Councillors received an individual summary of their expenditure to review prior to the information being presented at this meeting.

3 Budget Implications

3.1 Current Year Budget

All associated Councillors expenses and allowances are within the allocated budget

3.2 Future Budget Implications

Councillors expenses and allowances reimbursements are accommodated in future forecasting.

4 Community Outcomes

This directly contributes to the a Vibrant Region Community Outcome in the Council's Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

Yvonne Tatton
Governance Manager

for General Manager, Corporate

19 August 2019

APPENDIX 1

2018-19 Councillors Annual Expenses and Allowances Summary PDF

Councillor Expenditure - for Year 2018/2019

Councillor	Professional Development	Travel Time	Mileage	Non-Taxable Reimbursements	Meeting fees - other hearings	Council Related Business	Communication Allowance	Total Claim
	\$	\$				\$	\$	\$
Bruning	\$0.00	\$562.50	\$1,763.56	\$40.80	\$0.00	\$301.74	\$950.00	\$3,618.60
Clark	\$0.00	\$1,809.38	\$4,723.26	\$65.80	\$0.00	\$347.83	\$990.00	\$7,936.27
Cronin	\$121.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$950.00	\$1,071.74
Crosby	\$2,551.96	\$142.50	\$2,159.26	\$42.00	\$0.00	\$3,623.18	\$990.00	\$9,508.90
Leeder	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,831.54	\$0.00	\$28,831.54
Love	\$0.00	\$1,143.75	\$3,025.34	\$309.10	\$0.00	\$1,506.51	\$950.00	\$6,934.70
Marr	\$2,894.29	\$2,550.00	\$4,980.34	\$40.10	\$0.00	\$1,206.52	\$950.00	\$12,621.25
McDonald	\$3,311.86	\$393.75	\$1,402.27	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$4,943.78	\$990.00	\$11,081.66
Nees	\$2,286.53	\$1,059.00	\$6,057.10	\$126.56	\$5,860.00	\$5,545.08	\$950.00	\$21,884.27
Tahana	\$0.00	\$1,281.00	\$4,035.25	\$81.40	\$0.00	\$1,119.71	\$950.00	\$7,467.36
Thompson	\$30.43	\$75.00	\$131.40	\$0.00	\$10,132.80	\$1,723.91	\$950.00	\$13,043.54
Thurston	\$0.00	\$2,756.25	\$6,625.68	\$355.40	\$0.00	\$743.48	\$950.00	\$11,430.81
vojadelszen	\$2,119.12	\$103.13	\$291.13	\$15.80	\$13,125.00	\$2,025.30	\$990.00	\$18,669.47
Winters	\$3,500.00	\$3,075.00	\$5,392.20	\$473.00	\$0.00	\$5,888.88	\$990.00	\$19,319.08
TOTAL	\$16,815.93	\$14,951.25	\$40,586.78	\$1,589.96	\$29,117.80	\$57,807.46	\$12,550.00	\$173,419.19

